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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

George A. Omas, Vice Chairman;
Dana B. Covington; Ruth Y. Goldway;
and W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III

Experimental Suspension of Fee for
Manual Delivery Confirmation Category

Docket No. R2001-2
Docket No. MC2001-2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO TERMINATE PROCEEDINGS

(Issued November 6, 2001)

On November 5, 2001, the United States Postal Service submitted a pleading¹ in which it gives notice that it is withdrawing its Request in these proceedings and moves that they be closed. The Service explains that, notwithstanding its continuing support of the proposed experiment on the merits, it "has determined that the most prudent course at this challenging time would be to focus its window service and retail operations on the provision of existing domestic services, under their current terms and conditions, during the upcoming holiday peak mailing season." Notice and Motion at 1. The Postal Service further states that the Board of Governors has authorized it to withdraw the pending Request, based on the Service's determination "that presently evolving

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Withdrawal of Request for a Recommended Decision and Motion to Close Docket, November 5, 2001.

circumstances require that it approach the upcoming holiday mailing season in a manner uncomplicated by the additional responsibility of conducting the experiment it has asked the Commission to recommend." *Id.* at 2.

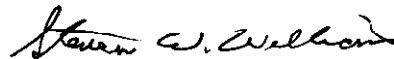
In light of the circumstances and assessments cited by the Postal Service, its motion shall be granted, and these dockets closed, without prejudice to subsequent consideration of its proposed experiment in a future proceeding.

It is ordered:

The Motion of the United States Postal Service to Close Docket Nos. R2001-2 and MC2001-2, filed November 5, 2001, is granted.

By the Commission.

(SEAL)



Steven W. Williams
Acting Secretary