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RULING NO. C2001-1/17

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Complaint on Sunday and Holiday Collections

Docket No. C2001-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
GRANTING MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS

(Issued January 8, 2002)

On December 31, 2001, Carlson filed a motion requesting the suspension of the Docket No. C2001-1 proceedings until March 1, 2002.<sup>1</sup> The suspension is requested to allow time for the resolution of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit in federal court concerning the Postal Service's Collection Box Management System (CBMS) database. The information sought through the FOIA lawsuit is essentially the same information that Carlson would have received if the Postal Service had provided a responsive answer to interrogatory DFC/USPS-19. Carlson asserts that the CBMS database information is important to his case. The Postal Service does not oppose the motion for suspension.<sup>2</sup>

The motion for suspension until March 1, 2002 is granted. Carlson shall provide an update to the Commission as to the status of the federal lawsuit on or before March 1, 2002. In addition, Carlson shall inform the Commission of the proposed date for filing this testimony, or alternatively that no additional testimony will be filed, on or before March 1, 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> Douglas F. Carlson Response to POR C2001-1/16 and Motion to Suspend Proceedings, filed December 31, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Response of the United States Postal Service to Motion of Douglas Carlson to Suspend Proceedings, filed January 7, 2002.

RULING

1. Docket No. C2001-1 proceedings shall be suspended until March 1, 2002.
2. On or before March 1, 2002, Carlson shall inform the Commission of the status of the Freedom of Information Act lawsuit.
3. On or before March 1, 2002, Carlson shall inform the Commission of the intended filing date for part two of his testimony, or of his intent not to file additional testimony.

Ruth Y. Goldway  
Presiding Officer