

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Docket No. MC2002-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
PROPOSED PROCEDUAL SCHEDULE

On April 24, 2002, the Postal Service filed a Request for the establishment of a classification and associated fees for Confirm. As a part of that filing, a Request for Expedition was appended. The Postal Service believes this case is ripe for expedition because of the benefits Confirm will provide to the mailing community and the limited amount of discovery filed thus far. Moreover, an accelerated schedule would not necessarily cause undue burden on any party nor deprive any party of its due process rights as there appear to be very few issues to resolve in this proceeding.

Consequently, the Postal Service considers that the following proposed schedule will provide all parties an opportunity to resolve all issues through the discovery and hearing process:

May 28, 2002	Completion of discovery on the Postal Service's direct case
June 11-12, 2002	Hearing for cross-examination of the Postal Service's direct case
June 17, 2002	Filing of the case-in-chief of each participant, including rebuttal to the Postal Service
July 2, 2002	Completion of discovery directed to intervenors and the OCA

July 16 –17, 2002 Evidentiary hearings on the cases-in-chief of intervenors and the OCA

Option 1-

July 24, 2002 Filing of initial briefs

July 30, 2002 Filing of reply briefs

Option 2-

July 23, 2002 Filing of evidence in rebuttal to the cases-in-chief of participants other than the Postal Service (no discovery permitted on this rebuttal evidence; only oral cross-examination)

July 29, 2002 Hearings on rebuttal to participants' direct evidence 9:30 a.m. in the Commission hearing room)

Aug. 5, 2002 Filing of initial briefs

Aug. 9, 2002 Filing of reply briefs

Proceeding on an expedited schedule would require that the deadlines that ordinarily apply be modified. Accordingly, except for good cause shown, the Postal Service proposes special rules be adopted requiring that:

all interrogatory responses shall be due on the tenth day after the questions were served;

all objections to discovery requests shall be due on the seventh day after service of the interrogatories at issue;

all motions to compel would be due on the fifth day after service of any objections;

all replies to such motions would be due on the third day after service of the motion.

Should any deadline implied by these special procedures fall on a weekend or holiday, the filing at issue would be due on the first non-holiday weekday.

In view of management's desire to implement the proposed classification by the beginning of fiscal year 2003, the adoption of the above schedule would allow the Commission adequate time to deliberate and issue a Recommended Decision in advance of the September Postal Service Board of Governor's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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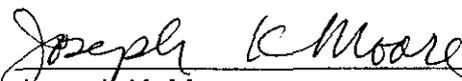
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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