

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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EXPERIMENTAL RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES  
TO IMPLEMENT NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT  
WITH CAPITAL ONE SERVICES, INC.

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Docket No. MC2002-2

**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO MOTION OF POSTCOM *et al.* TO SCHEDULE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**

The United States Postal Service hereby responds to the motion of Postcom *et al.* that a date for submission of rebuttal testimony be established and that the dates for briefs and reply briefs be adjusted accordingly. The Postal Service agrees with the general proposition of the motion, although it does not believe that the movants' request that the date for submission of rebuttal testimony be "shortly after the conclusion of hearings set for February 5 through 8"<sup>1</sup> should be interpreted to mean a shorter than normal period for preparation of such testimony.

The Postal Service is refraining from proposing dates for the rest of the schedule in this pleading, since we do not yet know the dates on which Dr. Panzar's submission will be filed and he will appear for questioning. The Postal Service presumes that the appropriate vehicle for any response to Dr. Panzar would be in conjunction with rebuttal testimony, unless the Commission is contemplating some other mechanism that we are

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<sup>1</sup> We assume the Ruling meant to refer to February 7, since the 8th is a Saturday.

not yet aware of. In any event, the Postal Service would like to have the opportunity to comment on any proposed dates before they are promulgated.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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