

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

Rules Applicable to Baseline  
And Functionally Equivalent  
Negotiated Service Agreements

Docket No. RM2003-5

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LEAVE TO FILE  
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT**  
(October 17, 2003)

The Postal Service filed its reply comments in this docket on October 14, 2003. We have since realized that, through internal miscommunication and oversight, a significant commentary regarding the proposed rules was unintentionally omitted from the Postal Service's pleading. The comment expands on a topic raised in initial comments regarding the relationship between a baseline NSA and a functionally equivalent, or derivative, NSA.

The Postal Service regrets this omission and respectfully moves that it be permitted to lodge the accompanying supplement. In furtherance of the objective of a set of rules that will best facilitate consideration of future NSA proposals, the Postal Service believes that the Commission will benefit from the opportunity to add the one narrow issue addressed in the supplemental comments to the broader set of issues raised thus far. Considering the nature of this proceeding and the relatively short interval between our reply comments and this motion, no party will be seriously prejudiced, if the Commission accepts this late filing. Nevertheless, if other parties

deem it necessary to reply to the supplemental comments, the Postal Service would not object.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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