

ORDER NO. 1393

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

Before Commissioners: George Omas, Chairman;
 Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
 Dana B. Covington, Sr., and
 Ruth Y. Goldway

Proposed Amendment to the
Commission's Rules

Docket No. RM2004-1

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINES

(February 27, 2004)

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) has requested that the deadline for filing initial and reply comments in this docket be extended by two weeks. Office of the Consumer Advocate Motion to Reschedule Deadline for Filing Comments In RM2004-1, Docket No. RM2004-1, February 27, 2004. In support of its motion, OCA states that an urgent deadline precludes it from filing comments prior to March 15, 2004. To keep all interested persons planning to comment on an equal footing, OCA requests that the initial comment deadline be extended to March 15, 2004. In addition, OCA suggests the due date for reply comments be extended by two weeks to April 15, 2004. *Id.* at 1.

The motion is granted. At this early stage of the proceeding, a two-week extension will impose no hardship on or otherwise prejudice any interested person who may file comments in this proceeding. Even assuming a commenter submits initial comments pursuant to the original schedule, any disadvantage would be more apparent

than real, as the opportunity to file reply comments affords it a chance to address all initial comments filed herein.

It is ordered:

1. The Office of the Consumer Advocate's Motion to Reschedule Deadline for Filing Comments in RM2004-1, filed February 27, 2004, is granted.
2. Initial comments in this proceeding are due no later than March 15, 2004; reply comments are due no later than April 15, 2004.

By the Commission
(SEAL)

Steven W. Williams
Secretary