

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

Complaint on Electronic Postmark®

Docket No. C2004-2

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ITS ANSWER
(March 8, 2004)

On February 25, 2004, the Postal Rate Commission received a complaint filed by DigiStamp, Inc. By letter dated February 25, 2004, the Office of the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, designated the docket number above and advised the General Counsel, United States Postal Service, of the Complaint's filing under title 39, United States Code, section 3662. The complaint is styled as "Complaint on Electronic Postmark," and its stated subject matter is the initiation of a service denominated as "Electronic Postmark®."

In the absence of any intervening event, Commission Rule 84 would require the Postal Service to submit its answer within 30 days of the filing of a complaint. In this instance, based on the above filing date, the Postal Service's answer would be due on or before March 26, 2004. The Postal Service anticipates that it will be unable by that date to formulate a position on the issues raised by the complaint, draft appropriate pleadings, and conduct appropriate briefings. Therefore, the Postal Service respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in which to file its answer. If this request were

granted, the answer would be due Monday, April 26, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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