

DOCKET SECTION

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R97-1/35

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING MOTIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(October 1, 1997)

On September 26, 1997, the Postal Service filed a motion for a extension of time, until October 1, 1997, to file a response to interrogatories NNA/USPS-T34-2 and 3.¹ The responses require consultation with a Postal Service manager who will unavailable until September 29 or October 1, 1997. I will grant this motion.

Additionally, on September 29, 1997, the Postal Service filed two motions for extension of time, until October 3, 1997, to file interrogatory responses to ADVO/USPS-4, 6-18 and DBP/USPS-21, 37, 54, and 62.² In the case of the Advo interrogatories, personnel required to complete the responses have been unavailable, but counsel indicates that the responses will be provided by October 3, 1997.

The Popkin interrogatories cover a variety of areas, and due to the press of other discovery, witness Needham has been unable to complete the responses to these

¹ Response of United States Postal Service Witness Taufique to Interrogatories of the National Newspaper Association (NNA/USPS-T34-1, 4-8), and Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to NNA/USPS-T34-2-3.

² The Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of Advo, Inc. and Motion for Extension of Time (ADVO/USPS-4, 6-18; and Response of United States Postal Service Witness Needham to Interrogatories of David B. Popkin, Redirected from the Postal Service (DBP/USPS-25(A-B, E-K, M-S), 26(A-B, E-G), 39(A-B, E-G), 53(F-G, I, O, Z, AA), 60-61, and 66), and Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to DBP/USPS-21, 37, 54, and 62.

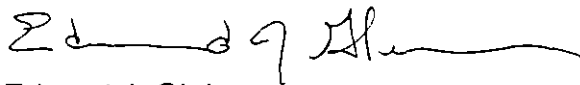
interrogatories. Counsel for the Postal Service indicates that the responses will be available later this week, and I will grant an extension until October 3, 1997, for filing these responses.

RULING

1. The Response of United States Postal Service Witness Taufique to Interrogatories of the National Newspaper Association (NNA/USPS-T34-1, 4-8), and Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to NNA/USPS-T34-2-3, filed September 26, 1997, is granted.

2. The Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of Advo, Inc. and Motion for Extension of Time (ADVO/USPS-4, 6-18), filed September 29, 1997, is granted.

3. The Response of United States Postal Service Witness Needham to Interrogatories of David B. Popkin, Redirected from the Postal Service (DBP/USPS-25(A-B, E-K, M-S), 26(A-B, E-G), 39(A-B, E-G), 53(F-G, I, O, Z, AA), 60-61, and 66), and Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to DBP/USPS-21, 37, 54, and 62, filed September 29, 1997, is granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Gleiman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer