

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

RATE AND SERVICES CHANGES TO
IMPLEMENT FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Docket No. MC2004-4

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
STATEMENT CONCERNING HEARING DATE
(July 29, 2004)

In Presiding Officer's Ruling No. MC2004-4/1 (issued July 20, 2004) at 3-4, the presiding officer tentatively scheduled a hearing date on the co-proponents' direct case for September 8 or 9, 2004. He directed the co-proponents in this proceeding to agree upon which one of those two dates was most convenient for their witnesses and counsel, and to inform the Commission of that date by today. Counsel for the Postal Service states that he and counsel for Discover Financial Services, Inc., have consulted with their witnesses, and agree that September 9, 2004, is the most convenient date for the tentatively scheduled hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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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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