

ORDER NO. 1414

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

Complaint on Stamped Stationery

Docket No. C2004-3

ORDER GRANTING TIME FOR  
ADDITIONAL REPORT

(August 10, 2004)

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), serving as settlement coordinator, filed a status report concerning settlement negotiations between the complainant, Douglas F. Carlson, and the Postal Service.<sup>1</sup> OCA indicates that the parties participated in a conference call July 15, 2004. Characterizing the discussion as frank and useful, OCA indicates that counsel for the Postal Service has been unable in the time available to conclude consultations with his client concerning resolution of this matter without the need for further procedures in this docket. OCA recommends that it be given until August 20, 2004 to file a further report on the possibility of settlement.

OCA's report suggests that the parties are making good faith efforts to resolve their differences, but that negotiations have slowed because key personnel have been unavoidably unavailable. The OCA has justified the need for additional time and its recommendation is adopted.

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Consumer Advocate Report on the Status of Negotiations for Informal Resolution of Complaint, Docket No. C2004-3, August 6, 2004.

It is ordered:

The Office of the Consumer Advocate shall file its second status report in this proceeding by no later than August 20, 2004.

By the Commission.  
(SEAL)

Steven W. Williams  
Secretary