

ORDER NO. 1419

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

Repositionable Notes Market Test

Docket No. MC2004-5

ORDER ACCELERATING TIME FOR ANSWERS TO DMA MOTION

(Issued September 23, 2004)

On September 21, 2004, the National Newspaper Association (NNA) filed the direct testimony of Jerry Tidwell in this docket. The following day, the Commission received a motion by the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) for permission to conduct oral cross-examination of Postal Service witnesses Holland and Kaneer. DMA proposes to include aspects of witness Tidwell's testimony in its cross-examination of these Postal Service witnesses. See Direct Marketing Association Motion for Permission to Conduct Limited Cross-Examination of Postal Service Witnesses Holland and Kaneer, filed September 22, 2004.

The Postal Service's request in this docket is being processed under Subpart J of the Commission's rules of practice. This subpart is available for reviewing requests for provisional service changes of limited duration. Under Subpart J, recommended decisions are to be issued within 90 days of the filing of a request, if it is consistent with the due process rights of the participants. See 39 CFR § 3001.174. The target date for issuing a recommended decision in this docket is October 14, 2004, which is fast approaching. To help the Commission devise a schedule for completing its

consideration of the Postal Service's request, other participants are asked to indicate by Monday, September 27, 2004, whether they desire to conduct discovery or oral cross-examination of witness Tidwell, to indicate the topics to be covered, and to estimate the time this would require. Participants are also asked to indicate by September 27, 2004, whether they wish to file briefs, and to indicate what they regard as a reasonable due date for briefs.

Answers to DMA's motion for permission to conduct oral cross-examination will be due on September 27, 2004, as well.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Answers to the Direct Marketing Association Motion for Permission to Conduct Limited Cross-Examination of Postal Service Witnesses Holland and Kaneer, filed September 22, 2004, are due on September 27, 2004.
2. Participants shall, by September 27, 2004, indicate whether they wish to conduct discovery or oral cross-examination of NNA witness Tidwell.
3. Participants shall, by September 27, 2004, indicate whether they wish to file briefs in this docket, and to suggest a reasonable due date for briefs.

By the Commission
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Steven W. Williams
Secretary