

ORDER NO. 1432

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

George Omas, Chairman;  
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;  
Dana B. Covington, Sr.;  
Ruth Y. Goldway; and  
Dawn A. Tisdale

Solicitation of Comments on  
First Use of Rules Applicable to  
Negotiated Service Agreements

Docket No. RM2005-2

SUSPENSION OF THE SCHEDULE  
FOR THE FILING OF REPLY COMMENTS

(Issued March 11, 2005)

On January 25, 2005, the Commission initiated Docket No. RM2005-2 to solicit comments on the first use of the Commission's rules applicable to Negotiated Service Agreements.<sup>1</sup> Initial comments were due on February 28, 2005. Reply comments are pending, with a due date of March 28, 2005.

On March 7, 2005, the Postal Service informed the Commission that it is initiating proceedings requesting that the Commission reconsider its recommendations in Docket No. MC2004-3 (Bank One Negotiated Service Agreement).<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service states that it "is also prepared to propose an evidentiary approach that could serve as a standard for future NSA proposals." It continues: "The objective would be to identify a

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Order No. 1429.

<sup>2</sup> Docket No. 2004-3, United States Postal Service Motion for Leave to File Memorandum on Reconsideration and for Proposed Procedures, March 7, 2005.

practical approach to establishing a record foundation that meets the requirements of the Postal Reorganization Act without unduly restricting the development of NSAs in practice.”

In light of the recent events in Docket No. MC2004-3, and the potential impact that those events might have on the Commission’s rules governing Negotiated Service Agreements, the Commission shall suspend the schedule for filing reply comments in Docket No. RM005-2 until such time as the scope and potential impact that the Postal Service suggestions in Docket No. MC2004-3 might have on the Commission’s rules can be evaluated.

*Late acceptance of comments.* The Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers and National Postal Policy Council have filed motions for late acceptance of initial comments.<sup>3</sup> These motions are granted.

It is ordered:

1. The schedule for filing reply comments in Docket No. RM2005-2 is suspended until further notice.
2. Motion of Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers to Accept Comments One Day Out of Time, March 1, 2005, is granted.

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<sup>3</sup> Motion of Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers to Accept Comments One Day Out of Time, March 1, 2005. Motion of National Postal Policy Council for Acceptance of Comments Filed Out of Time, March 2, 2005.

3. Motion of National Postal Policy Council for Acceptance of Comments Filed Out of Time, March 2, 2005, is granted.

By the Commission.  
(SEAL)

Steven W. Williams  
Secretary