

ORDER NO. 1437

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

Complaint on Express Mail

Docket No. C2005-1

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

(Issued April 26, 2005)

On February 18, 2005, Douglas F. Carlson filed a complaint under 39 U.S.C. § 3662 concerning Express Mail. On March 15, 2005, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting an extension of the deadline for filing an answer from March 21, 2005, to April 21, 2005. Order No. 1434 granted the Postal Service's motion.

On April 21, 2005, the Commission received a Motion of the United States Postal Service for Additional Time to File Answer to Complaint in this docket. In it, the Postal Service asserts that it is devoting "all available resources toward investigation of the many factual allegations contained in the complaint," but that it needs additional time to prepare a fully informed answer. It observes that the allegations are broad in scope, and "require input from a large number of functional areas within the Postal Service." It adds that the resources available to prepare an answer are constrained by the pressure

of simultaneously litigating the R2005-1 rate case. For these reasons, it asks that the time for filing its answer to the complaint be further extended to May 5, 2005.

The Postal Service's motion indicates it is collecting, and will be providing responsive information rather than pro forma denials in its answer. Under these circumstances, the motion cites adequate grounds for an additional extension, and will be granted.

It is ordered:

The Postal Service's answer to the complaint in Docket No. C2005-1 shall be filed on or before May 5, 2005.

By the Commission  
(SEAL)

Steven W. Williams  
Secretary