

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

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Docket No. R2005-1

**AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO
COMMENTS ON USPS REQUEST FOR EXPEDITION AND
PROCEDURES FOR FACILITATING SETTLEMENT EFFORTS**

(May 2, 2005)

Pursuant to the Postal Service request and Commission Order No. 1436, the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO ("APWU") states its general support for efforts to expedite procedures, but not at the expense of adequate discovery and opportunities for participants to make their cases in opposition to any portion of this proposal for rate and fee changes.

APWU has stated several times in different forums the belief that Postal Rate Commission proceedings can be completed in less time. Consistent with that belief, APWU will agree to reasonably short periods for various procedural steps. APWU does not see any evidence of exigent circumstances requiring truncation of procedures or a timetable that might be overly burdensome on participants.

APWU does not have any basis yet to assess the likelihood that all material issues will be settled. APWU is particularly concerned that it have sufficient time for informal meetings with the Postal Service, followed by written interrogatories should they be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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