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Docket No. R2005-1

**COMMENTS OF AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF PRESORT MAILERS IN RESPONSE TO VALPAK DIRECT  
MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC., AND VALPAK DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY**

(July 11, 2005)

The AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION ("ABA") and the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRESORT MAILERS ("NAPM") hereby file the following response to Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc., and Valpak Dealers' Association, Inc., Motion for Extension of Time to File Direct Testimony.

The Second Report of the United States Postal Service as Settlement Coordinator indicates that the settlement process is proceeding, but that a final settlement agreement document has not yet been prepared. It is further reported that only one or two parties are expected to file direct testimony. A delay of the direct testimony filing deadline for all parties would further the settlement process by giving a better chance that parties desiring to sign a completed settlement agreement before direct testimony is due would be able to do so. With no more than two parties expected to file direct testimony, a short delay in the filing deadline should not significantly prejudice any party's ability to conduct discovery on this testimony.

For the reasons stated above, ABA/NAPM urge the Commission to extend the deadline for filing direct testimony to July 19, 2005, for all parties.

Respectfully submitted,

AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION  
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