

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

RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT
BASELINE NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK

Docket No. MC2006-3

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE STATUS REPORT ON RESPONSE TO
THE OCA'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AT THE HEARING ON
NOVEMBER 9, 2006**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a status report regarding its response to the Office of the Consumer Advocate's (OCA) request for information at the hearing on November 9, 2006.

On November 17, 2006, the Postal Service filed a status report informing the Commission that it would be unable to meet the target deadline of November 16, 2006, for filing information on Washington Mutual Bank's (WMB) actual customer First-Class Mail volume, solicitation First-Class Mail volume, and any Standard Mail solicitation volume for fiscal year 2006. See Status Report on Response of the United States Postal Service to the Question Raised by the OCA at the Hearing on November 9, 2006. The Postal Service indicated that it expected to be able to file the requested data this week (the week of November 27, 2006). Id.

The co-proponents concurrently filed a motion for an extension of time to file initial briefs in the case. See Joint Motion of the United States Postal Service and Washington Mutual Bank for Extension of Time to File Initial Briefs. The Presiding Officer granted the joint motion on November 20, 2006, and stated that

the deadline for filing briefs should be suspended until after the requested information had been filed. See P.O. Ruling No. MC2006-3/9. The Presiding Officer also indicated that a follow-up Presiding Officer's Ruling would be issued to re-establish dates for filing briefs and reply briefs. Id.

Despite the parties' best efforts to file the requested data by the target deadline provided in its November 17 status report, the co -proponents have been unable to thoroughly review the data. The Postal Service is optimistic that it will be able to file the requested data with the Commission no later than December 8, 2006, and will either provide the data by that date or file another status report.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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