

ORDER NO. 1483

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

Before Commissioners:

George Omas, Chairman;  
Dawn A. Tisdale, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton; Ruth Y. Goldway; and  
Tony L. Hammond

Rate and Service Changes to Implement  
Baseline Negotiated Service Agreement  
With Washington Mutual Bank

Docket No. MC2006-3

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION OF  
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK  
TO TERMINATE PROCEEDINGS

(December 12, 2006)

On December 8, 2006, the Postal Service filed notice of its decision to withdraw the request for a recommended decision concerning the Negotiated Service Agreement with Washington Mutual Bank.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service states that the co-proponents of the request have determined that in light of changed circumstances it would be in their best interests not to proceed with the agreement. A joint motion also was filed by the Postal Service and Washington Mutual Bank requesting that the Commission close Docket No. MC2006-3.<sup>2</sup>

In a contemporaneously filed pleading, Washington Mutual Bank has informed the Commission of the better than expected success of its marketing campaign, and the

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<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service Notice of Withdrawal of Request for a Recommended Decision on Negotiated Service Agreement with Washington Mutual Bank, December 8, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Joint Motion by United States Postal Service and Washington Mutual Bank to Close Docket, December 8, 2006 (Joint Motion).

larger than expected proportion of its solicitations mailings sent by First-Class Mail.<sup>3</sup> Washington Mutual Bank further notes the difficulty of precisely forecasting mail volumes, given the competitive nature of its business and the time spans involved.

The Joint Motion to close Docket No. MC2006-3 is granted. The Commission expresses its appreciation to the Postal Service, Washington Mutual Bank and the active participants for their efforts in this docket.

It is ordered:

1. The Joint Motion by United States Postal Service and Washington Mutual Bank to Close Docket, filed December 8, 2006, is granted.
2. The Motion of the United States Postal Service to Adopt Transcript Corrections for Hearing Relating to the Testimony of Witness Bernstein (USPS-RT-1) (Volume 4), filed November 16, 2006, is granted.

By the Commission  
(SEAL)

Steven W. Williams  
Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> Washington Mutual Bank Response to OCA's Request for Information at the Hearing on November 9, 2006, December 8, 2006.