

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R2006-1/130

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2006-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING

(Issued April 5, 2006)

Order No. 8, issued March 29, 2007, established procedural dates for the reconsideration of three issues in this proceeding. Those three issues are: (1) the Priority Mail flat rate box rate; (2) whether the First-Class Mail Nonmachinable Surcharge should apply to letters weighing more than one ounce; and (3) the rates for Standard Mail flats.

Participants were instructed to address each subject separately. Initial comments on all matters were due April 12, 2007; however, procedures were established to allow parties to request that the evidentiary record on one or more of the three issues be reopened.

On April 3, 2007, the Coalition of Catalog Mailers (CCM) filed for late intervention in this case, together with a request for an extension of time to submit a Motion to Reopen and Supplement the Record for Reconsideration. Opposition to the CCM notice of intervention is due April 13, 2007. Rule 20(d).

The CCM request for additional time to prepare a motion to reopen the record includes persuasive justification for extending the deadline for submission of its Motion to Reopen and Supplement the Record for Reconsideration. I will grant that extension of time.

The Governors have requested the Commission “to move as expeditiously as possible” to reconsider issues and complete this case. Nonetheless, the potential need to reopen the record with regard to Standard Mail flat rates requires that the dates for Comments and Reply Comments on that issue be deferred. Those procedural dates are suspended pending evaluation of any CCM motion filed on or before April 12, 2007, and any responses to such a motion.

No timely requests to reopen the evidentiary record on the issues of the Priority Mail flat rate box or the First-Class Mail Nonmachinable Surcharge have been filed. As a result, there is no need to alter the established dates for filing Comments and Reply Comments on these two matters.

RULING

1. The Motion of the Coalition of Catalog Mailers for an Extension of Time In Which to File a Motion to Reopen and Supplement the Record for Reconsideration, filed April 3, 2007, is granted.
2. The dates for filing Comments and Reply Comments on Standard Mail flats rates are suspended.

3. The dates for filing Comments and Reply Comments concerning the Priority Mail flat rate box and/or the First-Class Mail Nonmachinable Surcharge remain April 12, 2007 and April 19, 2007.

Dan Blair
Presiding Officer