

ORDER NO. 28

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

Before Commissioners:

Dan G. Blair, Chairman;
Dawn A. Tisdale, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Tony L. Hammond

Rate and Service Changes to Implement
Functionally Equivalent Negotiated Service
Agreement With The Bradford Group

Docket No. MC2007-4

ORDER GRANTING POSTAL SERVICE MOTION
TO ESTABLISH SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

(August 20, 2007)

The Postal Service has filed a motion requesting the establishment of settlement procedures in this case.¹ The Postal Service submits that consideration of The Bradford Group Negotiated Service Agreement is relatively straightforward, and it shares extensive similarities with the Bookspan Negotiated Service Agreement, which was approved by the Commission in Docket No. MC2005-3. The Postal Service believes that even if there is disagreement over certain details of the case, settlement discussions could facilitate limitation of the issues that need to be litigated, aid the Commission in expediting the proceeding, and would be beneficial to determine the extent of any divergent views which may exist.

¹ Request of the United States Postal Service for Establishment of Settlement Procedures, August 17, 2007.

The Postal Service's request for the establishment of settlement procedures is granted. Postal Service counsel shall serve as settlement coordinator. The Commission's hearing room will be available at 10:30 AM on August 28, 2007 for settlement discussions prior to the prehearing conference currently scheduled at 11:00 AM, and by request for future settlement discussions.

It is ordered:

1. The Request of the United States Postal Service for Establishment of Settlement Procedures, filed August 17, 2007, is granted.
2. Postal Service counsel shall serve as settlement coordinator.
3. The Commission's hearing room will be available at 10:30 AM on August 28, 2007 for settlement discussions.

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams
Secretary