

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

REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING SYSTEM
OF RATEMAKING

Docket No. RM2007-1

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO SUBMIT THE
DRAFT MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
(September 7, 2007)

On August 15, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 26, setting forth its proposed rules for the regulation of market-dominant and competitive product pricing under the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. Those rules contemplate the establishment and maintenance of a Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), and the Commission asked the Postal Service to submit an initial version of the MCS for its consideration. The Commission set a deadline of September 14, 2007, for the submission of the MCS, a date that was not changed when the Commission extended (to September 24, 2007) the deadline for filing initial comments on the proposed rules. See Order No. 30 (August 29, 2007).

The Postal Service requests that the deadline for the submission of the MCS be extended to September 24, 2007, consistent with the revised deadline for the submission of initial comments on the proposed rules. The drafting of the MCS is a complex process involving multifarious issues. Recognizing the importance of this task, the Postal Service wishes to consult with as many

individual mailers and mailer groups as it can, prior to submitting the MCS to the Commission. The Postal Service hopes to use these contacts to explain the principles underlying the draft MCS, and to solicit mailer views on the Postal Service's approach. To the extent possible, given the limited time available, these consultations would occur next week (earlier consultations were not practical since the Postal Service's thinking with regard to the form and content of the MCS had not advanced to the point that anything concrete could be shared with outside parties). The Postal Service feels that consulting with mailers will benefit the subsequent proceedings that the Commission will conduct with respect to the MCS, by potentially clarifying issues of confusion or resolving areas of concern.

Therefore, the Postal Service respectfully moves that the Commission extend the deadline for the submission of the MCS to September 24, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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