

ORDER NO. 189

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

Before Commissioners:

Dan G. Blair, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Tony L. Hammond

Notice of Price Adjustment

Docket No. R2009-2

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR ACCESS

(Issued March 12, 2009)

A Motion of Platinum Coalition to Allow Its Outside Counsel to Review USPS-R2009-2/NP1 as Filed with the Commission and Motion to Shorten Period for Response was filed March 10, 2009 (Motion). The Postal Service promptly, and helpfully, responded the following day.¹

The Motion is crafted to comply with the procedures for obtaining access to documents filed under seal published by the Commission in Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish a Procedure for According Appropriate Confidentiality, Order No. 96, issued August 13, 2008. The Motion included acknowledgement of willingness

¹ Response of the United States Postal Service to Platinum Coalition Motion for Access to USPS-R2009-2/NP1, March 11, 2009 (Response).

to comply with protective conditions, and identified those individuals to be granted access.

The Response acknowledged the importance of access, expressing concern that care be taken to avoid allowing access to volume data of competing mailers. The Response also recognized the need for expedition to avoid delaying the scheduled implementation of rate adjustments. The Postal Service proactively contacted potential competitors and ascertained, to the extent possible, that there was no objection to the Motion.

Counsel for both parties have exhibited awareness of the concerns and needs of other participants and the Commission. The treatment of this potentially difficult issue is a good example of why the postal bar is held in such high esteem.

It is Ordered:

The Motion of Platinum Coalition to Allow Its Outside Counsel to Review USPS-R2009-2/NP1 as Filed with the Commission, filed March 10, 2009, is granted.

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams
Secretary