

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Competitive Product Prices  
Global Expedited Package Services 1 (CP2008-4)  
Negotiated Services Agreement

Docket Nos.CP2008-21

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued September 30, 2009)

The Global Expedited Package Services 1 (GEPS 1) contract approved in this proceeding is set to expire September 30, 2009, at midnight.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service requests that the contract be permitted to remain in effect pending completion of the Commission's review of the contemporaneously filed notice in Docket No. CP2009-66, involving a new GEPS 2 contract with the same customer.<sup>2</sup>

In support of its Motion, the Postal Service indicates that extenuating circumstances have made it impossible for the new agreement to be filed 15 days prior to October 1, 2009. *Id.* at 1. More specifically, it notes that in reviewing results in a

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<sup>1</sup> See Docket Nos. CP2008-18 through CP2008-24, Order Concerning Expedited Package Services 1 Negotiated Service Agreements, September 16, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> United States Postal Service Motion for Temporary Relief, September 25, 2009, at 2 (Motion).

companion proceeding (Docket No. CP2009-19) “managers responsible for GEPS agreements became aware of certain operational practices that may have a bearing on their cost coverage.” *Id.* at 1-2. While the managers determined that the practices did not affect the instant contract, the delay occasioned by the review precluded the timely completion of “the necessary internal financial review and management approval processes....” *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Postal Service has demonstrated extenuating circumstances. Allowing the existing contract to remain in effect pending completion of the Commission’s review in Docket No. CP2009-66, including time for the Postal Service to notify the shipper of the outcome, will enable the ongoing commercial arrangement to continue and, moreover, will not prejudice any person. Thus, under the circumstances, the Commission finds the extension to be in the public interest.

*It is ordered:*

1. The United States Postal Service Motion for Temporary Relief, filed September 25, 2009, is granted.
2. The instant contract may remain in effect as set forth in this Order.

By the Commission.

Judith M. Grady  
Acting Secretary