

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

Before Commissioners:

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

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

Docket No. CP2008-23

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued October 29, 2009)

The Global Expedited Package Services 1 (GEPS 1) contract approved in this proceeding is set to expire October 31, 2009, at midnight.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service requests that the contract be permitted to remain in effect “until such time as the effective date for the new agreement may be established.”<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 November 1, 2009. *Id.* at 1. More specifically, it notes that in reviewing results in a companion proceeding (Docket No. CP2009-19) “managers responsible for GEPS

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<sup>1</sup> See PRC Order No. 107, Docket Nos. CP2008-18 through CP2008-24, Order Concerning Additional Global Expedited Package Services 1 Negotiated Services Agreements, September 16, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> United States Postal Service Motion for Temporary Relief, October 28, 2009, at 3 (Motion).

agreements became aware of certain operational practices that may have a bearing on their cost coverage.” *Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service has been unable to determine as yet whether the operational practices affect the instant contract. Thus, it requests temporary relief.

The Motion is granted. The Postal Service has demonstrated extenuating circumstances. The Postal Service is granted an extension of the instant contract, until November 30, 2009, without prejudice to seek additional relief if warranted, to complete its analysis and file the successor contract with the Commission.<sup>3</sup> Allowing the existing contract to remain in effect pending completion of the Postal Service’s analysis and subsequent Commission review, 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 October 28, 2009, is granted.
2. The instant contract may remain in effect as set forth in this Order.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

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<sup>3</sup> This extension is consistent with the due date established in PRC Order No. 309. See Docket No. CP2008-24, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief, September 30, 2009.