

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

Investigation of Suspended Post Offices

Docket No. PI2010-1

**MOTION OF THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF COMMENT DEADLINES**

(January 8, 2010)

Pursuant to rule 21 of the Commission's rules of practice, the Public Representatives hereby move for a temporary suspension of the January 15, 2010 and February 16, 2010 deadlines for filing initial and reply comments in this proceeding. As explained below, this request is occasioned by the need for additional time to obtain necessary information from the Postal Service. In order to ensure that this proceeding is not unduly delayed, the Public Representatives propose to report the status of their information collection efforts to the Commission within thirty days from the date of a Commission order granting this motion and to provide a recommendation regarding new comment deadlines.

1. The public inquiry in this docket was instituted by Order No. 335 issued on November 9, 2009.<sup>1</sup> In that Order the Commission directed the Public Representative "to work with the Postal Service to develop an accurate representation of how written procedures related to the emergency suspension of post offices are being adhered to in actual practice ... [and to] ... review subsequent Postal Service action related to the relocation or closing of post offices that were suspended due to the expiration of the lease of the facility." *Id.* at 4.

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Order No. 335, Notice and Order Providing an Opportunity to Comment, November 9, 2009 (Order 335).

2. Since the issuance of Order No. 335, the Public Representatives<sup>2</sup> have been actively engaged in discussions with the Postal Service regarding the production of certain information deemed necessary by the Public Representatives in order to meet their responsibilities under Order 335. Those discussions are still in progress, but have been delayed by several factors, including the fact that Postal Service personnel involved in the information collection process for this proceeding have until recently been heavily involved in the preparation of the Postal Service's 2009 Annual Compliance Report and the intervening holidays.

3. It is currently anticipated that the production of requested information may commence by the beginning of this coming week. The Public Representatives will need time to evaluate that information and to determine whether, and, if so, what, additional information is needed in order to provide an adequate explanation of how the emergency suspension process has operated. The Public Representatives believe that within the next thirty days it should be possible to report to the Commission on the status of the information collection process and to recommend new comment deadlines.

WHEREFORE, the Public Representatives respectfully request that the Commission temporarily suspend the initial comment deadline in this proceeding and require that the Public Representatives report to the Commission on the status of the information collection efforts within thirty days of the date on which an order granting this motion is issued. Such a report shall include a recommendation regarding new initial and comment deadlines.

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<sup>2</sup> In Order 335, the Commission designated Richard A. Oliver as the Public Representative and indicated that other Commission personnel might be assigned to assist him. Since issuance of the Order, John P. Klingenberg has been assigned as an additional Public Representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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