

Before the
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Public Inquiry Concerning Procedures
for Rate Cases Under Part 3010, Subpart E

Docket No. PI2010-3

PROPOSALS FOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION DURING THE TECHNICAL
CONFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 456

(June 9, 2010)

The Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) announced a technical conference scheduled for June 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room for the purpose of providing interested persons the opportunity to discuss procedures for managing the Postal Service's anticipated exigent rate case.¹ Within this announcement, the Commission also solicits proposals for topics to be discussed at the conference. The Public Representative would find discussions helpful on a participant's opportunity for obtaining information from the Postal Service and general guidelines for a procedural schedule.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure appear not to allow a participant the opportunity to directly propound discovery to the Postal Service, nor do the rules appear to allow a participant to orally examine Postal Service witnesses during the public hearing. This significantly limits a participant's ability to obtain relevant information from the Postal Service. However, there also does not appear to be any limitation for a participant, by motion, to request that the Commission ask questions of the Postal Service, either written or oral, in place of a participant directly asking questions. It may be beneficial for the Commission to establish procedures (and deadlines) that bypass motions practice and allow a participant to submit questions to the Commission, which then will be forwarded to the Postal Service. Thus, the Public

¹ Notice and Order Providing for Technical Conference, May 7, 2010 (Order No. 456).

Representative requests that a representative of the Commission open a discussion by presenting a proposal for procedures concerning this topic.

Given the extremely short 90-day time limit for an exigent rate case, participants also may benefit by having an idea of the procedural timeline of the exigent rate case (given an assumed starting date). Thus, the Public Representative requests that a representative of the Commission open a discussion by presenting a proposal for a procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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