

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

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
PRIORITY MAIL
PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 9

Docket No. MC2009-25

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 9 (MC2009-25)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2009-33

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF
(July 20, 2010)**

The Postal Service hereby moves for an extension of the contract rates in this docket, until the Commission completes its review of the Postal Service's successor contract with this customer. The Postal Service has today filed a new contract in Docket Nos. MC2010-32 and CP2010-75, which is the successor of the instant contract. The instant contract is set to expire on July 23, 2010, a date which was set by the Commission in Order No. 474 (June 18, 2010), in response the Postal Service's first motion for temporarily relief.

The Postal Service had intended to file a successor contract with ample time for the Commission to complete its 15-day review by July 23. However, because of the press of other business in other dockets, particularly related to the Postal Service's request for an exigent price increase, the Postal Service was unable to file the new agreement until today. Yet, because of the timing of the regulatory process, there will be a window between the expiration of the existing contract in this docket and the effective date of the new contract, while the Commission completes its review. Thus,

the customer now faces the prospect of an interruption in its access to negotiated rates as a result of the processes that it must participate in when it does business with the Postal Service, rather than with one of the Postal Service's competitors.

To avoid this result, the Postal Service respectfully requests that the Commission grant an extension to allow the existing contract to remain in effect until such time as the Commission completes its review of the new agreement. As this request is tied to the resolution of Docket Nos. MC2010-32 and CP2010-75, the proposed extension would only last for a finite and very short period of time. Therefore, in consideration of the customers' business continuity, the Postal Service hereby moves for temporary relief to allow the existing contract to remain on the competitive products list until the effective date for the new contract is established.

Respectfully submitted,

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