

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
Parcel Return Service
Parcel Return Service Contract 1

Docket No. MC2009-1

Competitive Product Prices
Parcel Return Service Contract 1 (MC2009-1)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued November 4, 2010)

Parcel Return Service Contract 1 approved in this proceeding is set to expire November 7, 2010.¹ The Postal Service requests that the contract be permitted to remain in effect pending completion of the Commission's review of the successor contract which the Postal Service anticipates will be filed within a week.²

¹ See Order Concerning Parcel Return Service Contract 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 6, 2008.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, November 3, 2010 (Motion).

The Postal Service indicates that it had intended to file the successor contract so that the Commission could have completed its review prior to November 7, 2010, but was unable to do so due to extenuating circumstances. *Id.* at 1-2. More specifically, it notes it was not able to complete negotiations with the mailer on the terms of the new contract in time to file the new contract with the Commission 15 days prior to the planned effective date. However, it now has a new commitment with the mailer and is preparing to file the successor contract with the Commission. Without the extension, service to the mailer would be interrupted. *Id.* at 2. Thus, the Postal Service requests temporary relief.

The Motion is granted. Parcel Return Service Contract 1 is authorized to continue in effect through November 30, 2010. Allowing the existing contract to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed November 3, 2010, is granted.
2. The instant contract may remain in effect as set forth in this Order.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary