

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

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail
Priority Mail Contract 29

Docket No. MC2011-3

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 29 (MC2011-3)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2011-4

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued October 23, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire October 29, 2013.¹ The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement for 30 days.²

¹ Order No. 574, Order Approving Priority Mail Contract 29 Negotiated Service Agreement, October 29, 2010.

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, October 22, 2013 (Motion).

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working for several weeks on an amendment which would extend the contract for two additional years, but due to extenuating circumstances, have been unable to sign and file the amendment 15 days prior to the expiration date. *Id.* at 1-2. The Postal Service expects an amended agreement will be signed and submitted to the Commission within the next few weeks. *Id.* at 2. However, a short window between the expiration of the Existing Agreement and the effective date of the amended agreement will create an interruption in the customers' access to negotiated rates. *Id.* To avoid this, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant a 30-day extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect pending Commission review of the amendment. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through November 28, 2013. Allowing the Existing Agreement 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 October 22, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through November 28, 2013.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary