

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 November 20, 2013)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire November 28, 2013.¹ The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement to “allow the existing contract to remain in effect until such time as the Commission is able to complete its review of the forthcoming amendment.”²

¹ Order No. 1856, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief, October 23, 2013. *See also* 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, November 15, 2013, at 2 (Motion).

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working diligently to reach agreement on an amendment which would extend the Existing Agreement for two additional years and that it now has a signed amendment, which it expects to file within the next week. *Id.* at 1. However, the parties were unable to file the amendment 15 days prior to the expiration date of the Existing Agreement. *Id.* Therefore, the customer continues to face the prospect of an interruption in the customers' access to negotiated rates. *Id.* To avoid this, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant an extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect pending Commission review of the amendment. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. Since the amendment has not yet been filed, the Commission grants an extension through the earlier of the day prior to the effective date of the Existing Agreement, as amended, or December 30, 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 November 15, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through the earlier of the day prior to the effective date of the Existing Agreement, as amended, or December 30, 2013.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary