

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail
Priority Mail Contract 30

Docket No. MC2011-9

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 30 (MC2011-9)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2011-44

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued March 31, 2014)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire April 4, 2014.¹ The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement.²

The Postal Service represents that the parties have been working cooperatively on a new contract and expect to have a signed agreement within the next month. *Id.*

¹ The agreement was originally set to expire on January 4, 2014. See Order No. 638, Order Approving Priority Mail Contract 30 Negotiated Service Agreement, January 4, 2011. On December 16, 2013, the Commission granted a motion for temporary relief and extended the contract term until April 4, 2014. See Order No. 1906, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief, December 16, 2013.

² See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, March 28, 2014 (Motion).

at 1. A window between the expiration of the Existing Agreement and the effective date of the new contract will create an interruption in the customer's 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 while a new agreement is reached and reviewed by the Commission. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue for an additional 30 days and will expire May 4, 2014. 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 March 28, 2014, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through May 4, 2014.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary