

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

PERIODIC REPORTING
(PROPOSAL THIRTEEN)

Docket No. RM2015-7

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
MOTION OF THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**
(March 10, 2015)

On March 9, 2015, the Public Representative moved to extend by one week the deadline for initial comments in this proceeding from the date of March 11, as set by Order No. 2294 (Dec. 18, 2014), to March 18. The Postal Service hereby files its response to that motion.

The Postal Service takes no position on the request to extend the deadline for initial comments. But the Public Representative affirmatively and inexplicably asserts no intent to extend the April 8th deadline for *reply* comments. PR Motion at 2. None of the reasons offered by the Public Representative possibly explain why the week sought in her motion should simply be taken from the time previously allotted to the Postal Service (and others) for reply comments. If the Commission is inclined to grant the one-week extension for initial comments, basic fairness dictates that the deadline for reply comments be extended by the same interval. In particular, a new deadline of March 18 would (unlike the earlier deadline) occur while the Postal Service's lead expert is out of the country. Accordingly, the Postal Service believes it critical to allow the full 4 weeks

contemplated by Order No. 2294 for reply comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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