

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Periodic Reporting
(Proposal Thirteen)

Docket No. RM2015-7

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE ANSWERS TO PENDING MOTION FOR INFORMATION REQUEST

(Issued March 25, 2015)

Background. On March 18, 2015, United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) filed a motion seeking issuance of an information request in this docket.¹ UPS describes the requested information as a "Crosswalk File" between masked ZIP Codes in the full set of Form 3999 data (which the Postal Service has already provided) and actual ZIP Codes. See UPS Motion for Information Request at 1.

Under Commission rule 3001.21(b), answers to the UPS Motion for Information Request ordinarily are due within seven days (*i.e.*, in this instance, no later than March 25, 2015). The Postal Service seeks an extension of three business days — to

¹ Motion of United Parcel Service, Inc. for Issuance of Information Request Relevant to Proposal Thirteen, March 18, 2015 (UPS Motion for Information Request). UPS concurrently filed comments in this docket addressing, among other matters, an alternative to the Postal Service's proposed city carrier cost model. See United Parcel Service Comments on Postal Service Proposal Thirteen Regarding City Carrier Street Time Costs, March 18, 2015.

March 30, 2015 — to review "the fundamental plausibility" of the UPS alternative.² The Postal Service further notes that its ability to prepare a thorough response to the UPS Motion by the March 25 deadline has been impaired because its lead expert was out of the country when the UPS materials were submitted. Postal Service Motion for Extension of Time at 2. It also states that preparing responses to another information request³ is absorbing the same resources needed to prepare an adequate response to the UPS Motion for Information Request. Postal Service Motion for Extension of Time at 2.

Disposition. Generally, extensions of time may be granted as a matter of discretion upon a motion for good cause shown. See 39 C.F.R. § 3001.16. The Commission finds that the reasons cited by the Postal Service provide the requisite showing of good cause. It also finds that the requested extension will not prejudice any interested persons. Accordingly, the Postal Service Motion for Extension of Time is granted. The revised date for submission of answers to the UPS Motion for Information Request is no later than March 30, 2015.

It is ordered:

1. The Request of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Respond to UPS Motion Regarding Issuance of an Information Request, filed March 23, 2015, is granted.

² Request of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Respond to UPS Motion Regarding Issuance of an Information Request, March 23, 2015, at 1 (Postal Service Motion for Extension of Time).

³ See Chairman's Information Request No. 3, March 20, 2015.

2. Answers to the UPS Motion Regarding Issuance of an Information Request are due no later than March 30, 2015.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary