

ORDER NO. 2622

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

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contracts
Priority Mail—Non-Published Rates (MC2011-15)

Docket No. CP2011-51

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued July 28, 2015)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire July 31, 2015.¹ The Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief and notice of filing modification to the Existing Agreement extending the expiration date.²

The Postal Service and the customer have reached an agreement on a successor contract, which the Postal Service filed on July 24, 2015, in Docket Nos.

¹ See Docket Nos. MC2011-15 and CP2011-51, Order No. 661, Order Approving Addition of Priority Mail—Non-Published Rates 1 to the Competitive Product List, February 3, 2011, at 8; see also CP2011-51, Customer Contract Filing Notice for Priority Mail—Non-Published Rates Serial Number Ending: 0008 and 0009, PMNPR-FY14-JUL14-0009.Redacted.pdf, December 22, 2014, at 3.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, July 24, 2015 (Motion).

MC2015-70 and CP2015-108. Motion at 2. However, the terms of the new contract were not finalized in time for the Postal Service to file the new agreement 15 days prior to the intended effective date. *Id.* at 1-2. Due to the timing of the regulatory process, this delay will create a window between the expiration of the Existing Agreement and the effective date of the new contract, while the Commission completes its review. *Id.* at 2. To avoid interrupting the customer's access to negotiated rates with the Postal Service, the Postal Service requests the Commission grant an extension for a brief and finite amount of time to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect until the Commission is able to complete its review of the new agreement. *Id.* The new agreement is scheduled to go into effect one business day after the day on which the Commission grants regulatory approval of the new agreement.³

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is modified to continue until one business day after the day on which the Commission acts on the Docket Nos. MC2015-70 and CP2015-108 Request. Temporary relief and modification of the Existing Agreement 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 July 24, 2015, is granted.

³ Docket Nos. MC2015-70 and CP2015-108, Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 134 to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, July 24, 2015, Attachment B at 3 (Docket Nos. MC2015-70 and CP2015-108 Request).

2. The Existing Agreement will expire one business day after the day on which the Commission acts on the Postal Service's request to add Priority Mail Contract 134 to the competitive products list, filed July 24, 2015.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary