

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail
Priority Mail Contract 167

Docket No. MC2016-41

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 167 (MC2016-41)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-50

MOTION OF THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE FOR AN
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS

(January 22, 2016)

On December 15, 2015, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Contract 167 to the competitive product list.¹ On December 17, 2015, the Commission issued Order No. 2889, which established January 7, 2016, as the deadline for interested parties to submit initial comments.² Chairman's Information Request No. 1 (CHIR No. 1) was issued on December 18, 2015, and the responses were due no later than December 28, 2015.³ Because of the holiday season, the complexity of the requests, periodic reporting filing obligations, and the absence of key individuals needed to prepare responses, the Postal Service filed a motion to extend the time to respond to CHIR No. 1 to January 5, 2016.⁴ On December 29, 2015, the Commission granted the Postal Service's motion, established January 5, 2016, as the new CHIR No. 1 response deadline, and extended the comment deadline

¹ Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 167 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, December 15, 2015 (Request).

² Order No. 2889, Notice And Order Concerning The Addition Of Priority Mail Contract 167 To The Competitive Product List, December 17, 2015.

³ Chairman's Information Request No. 1, December 18, 2015.

⁴ Motion of the United States Postal Service for an Extension of Time to Respond to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, December 28, 2015, at 1.

from January 7, 2016, to January 12, 2016.⁵ The Postal Service's responses to CHIR No. 1 were filed on January 5, 2016.⁶

The Postal Service filed an errata to its Request on January 7, 2016.⁷ With the Errata, the Postal Service filed revised attachments to its Request. Errata, Attachment B and Attachment D. To provide parties adequate time to review the revised attachments, on January 8, 2016, the Commission issued an order that extended the comment deadline a second time from January 12 to January 22, 2016.⁸

Chairman's Information Request No. 2 (CHIR No. 2) was issued on January 14, 2016, and the responses were due no later than January 20, 2016.⁹ To date, the Postal Service has not yet filed its responses to CHIR No. 2. Since these responses are essential to the evaluation of the agreement, the Public Representative requests that the Commission extend the deadline for filing comments to allow the Public Representative and other commenters adequate time to consider and evaluate the Postal Service's responses to CHIR No. 2. Accordingly, the Public Representative requests that the Commission extend the comment deadline to two additional business days after the filing of the complete responses to CHIR No. 2. Extension of the comment deadline should not delay the proceeding, nor should any participant be adversely affected by extension of comment deadline.

⁵ Order No. 2951, Order Granting Extension of Deadline to Respond to Chairman's Information Request No. 1 and Extending Comment Deadline, December 29, 2015.

⁶ Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, January 12, 2016.

⁷ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Errata to Request, January 7, 2016 (Errata).

⁸ Order No. 3013, Order Extending Comment Deadline, January 8, 2016.

⁹ Chairman's Information Request No. 2, January 14, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

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