

Before The
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

PUBLIC INQUIRY CONCERNING
THE TERMS OF 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

Docket No. PI2016-2

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE INITIAL COMMENTS
(January 27, 2016)**

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that the Postal Regulatory Commission extend the deadline for the filing of initial comments in this docket from January 29, 2016 to February 5, 2016, for the reasons stated below.

Order No. 2862 set January 29, 2016 as the deadline for initial comments from interested parties regarding the scope of the Commission's appellate authority over relocations and rearrangements of postal retail facilities and the closure or consolidation of Contract Postal Units (CPUs). As a result of the recent severe weather in the Washington, DC area, the Postal Service's Headquarters building was closed on Monday, January 25, 2016, and experienced significant staffing shortages on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26 and 27, 2016. The Postal Service believes that an extension of five business days is required in order to complete its comments document and allow for review by Postal Service management. The Postal Service has consulted with the Public Representative for this matter on the requested extension. The Postal

Service has been authorized to represent that the Public Representative does not oppose the Postal Service's request for an extension.

The Postal Service is also requesting, per discussions with the Public Representative, a concomitant extension of time for the filing of reply comments. Reply comments are currently due on February 23, 2016; a five-day extension would result in a new filing date for reply comments of March 1, 2016.

The Postal Service does not consider that any party will be prejudiced by the Commission's approval of this request. Accordingly, the Postal Service respectfully requests that this motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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