ORDER NO. 6502

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: Michael Kubayanda, Chairman;

Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;

Ann C. Fisher;

Ashley E. Poling; and

Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices Docket No. CP2023-106

Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service
& Parcel Select Contract 5 (MC2023-105)

Negotiated Service Agreements

Order Granting Motion

(Issued May 9, 2023)

On February 6, 2023, the Commission conditionally approved Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service & Parcel Select Contract 5.[[1]](#footnote-1) Order No. 6437 required the Postal Service to file quarterly reports in this docket reporting data on contract-specific volumes, costs, workhours, copies of all Memorandums of Understanding, and contract-specific liability costs. Order No. 6437 at 6-7. Each report was to be filed within 30 days of the completion of each fiscal quarter. The first such report was due May 1, 2023. *Id.* at 7.

On May 1, 2023, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the deadline for subsequent quarterly reports be extended to 60 days after the close of each quarter for future reports.[[2]](#footnote-2) The Postal Service states that there are a number of factors that cause significant challenges to reporting accurate and reliable information from this agreement within 30 days after the close of each quarter. Motion at 1. The Postal Service notes that data produced within 30 days of the close of each quarter would necessarily rely on preliminary data that may change significantly during subsequent reviews and adjustments. *Id.* at 2. Particularly, the Postal Service states that quarterly negotiated service agreement (NSA) data is processed as part of the quarterly filings of both Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (RPW) and Billing Determinants which are not typically finalized for at least 40 to 60 days after the end of the quarter. *Id.* at 1.

The Postal Service states that the Billing Determinants contain the NSA customer-level detail and “cannot be finalized until after the RPW data are produced.” *Id.*  The Postal Service identifies the need to adjust the RPW and Billing Determinants data “for postage adjustment factors and unmanifested pieces by each individual NSA customer.” *Id.* Thus, additional time is needed “for Postal Service personnel to reconcile and quality control the RPW and Billing Determinant data.” *Id.* at 2. Specifically, the Postal Service states that adding special quarterly NSA data reports “creates a significant resource burden on those same personnel, and ultimately may not produce fully accurate data that would be available once final RPW and Billing Determinant data can be relied upon.” *Id.*

Given the Postal Service’s enumerated reasons for its need for additional time to provide accurate information, the Commission determines that the requested relief is reasonable and does not prejudice any party. Therefore, the Motion is granted. The deadline for subsequent quarterly reports to be filed is 60 days after the close of each quarter.

*It is ordered*:

1. The USPS Motion to Extend Deadline for Quarterly Reporting, filed May 1, 2023, is granted.
2. Future quarterly reports required by Order No. 6437 shall be filed within 60 days of the completion of each fiscal quarter.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker
Secretary

1. Docket Nos. MC2023-105 and CP2023-106, Order Conditionally Adding Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service & Parcel Select Contract 5 to the Competitive Product List, February 6, 2023 (Order No. 6437). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. USPS Motion to Extend Deadline for Quarterly Reporting, May 1, 2023, at 1 (Motion). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)