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Docket No. MC96-3

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ISSUE TO THE FULL COMMISSION

(December 12, 1996)

The Postal Service filed a motion to strike portions of the testimony of Major Mailers Association witness Bentley and Office of the Consumer Advocate witnesses Thompson, Collins, and Sherman on November 14, 1996.¹ At my direction, Tr. 5/1336-37, the Service submitted supplemental filings to identify the specific portions of testimony subject to its motion.² The motion raises important questions of law and policy, and allowing the full Commission to resolve those questions in the first instance will materially advance this proceeding. Therefore, as provided by rule 32(b), I certify this motion to the full Commission.

¹ United States Postal Service Motion to Strike Testimony of Witnesses Bentley and Thompson, or, in the Alternative, for Production of a Commission Witness.

² Supplemental Filing of United States Postal Service Concerning November 14 Motion to Strike, filed November 21, 1996; and Second Supplemental Filing of United States Postal Service Concerning November 14 Motion to Strike, filed November 22, 1996.

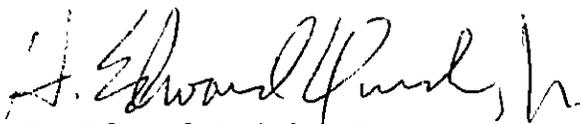
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The United States Postal Service Motion to Strike Testimony of Witnesses Bentley and Thompson, or, in the Alternative, for Production of a Commission Witness, filed November 14, 1996, is certified to the full Commission.



H. Edward Quick, Jr.
Presiding Officer