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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
ACCEPTING CARLSON DISCOVERY REQUESTS AND  
SHORTENING THE TIME FOR REPLIES

(September 19, 1997)

On September 18, 1997, the Commission received five sets of discovery requests addressed to Postal Service witnesses by Douglas F. Carlson. The final date for filing discovery on the Postal Service direct case was September 17<sup>th</sup>.

I will treat the Carlson interrogatories received on September 18<sup>th</sup> as timely filed. Carlson mailed this material to the Commission by Priority Mail on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and under applicable Postal Service delivery standards, it should have been received by the Commission on or before September 17<sup>th</sup>. Postal Service responses to these discovery requests will be due on October 1, 1997 (13 days from September 18<sup>th</sup>).

RULING

The Carlson discovery requests received by the Commission on September 18, 1997, are accepted as timely filed.

  
Edward J. Gleiman  
Presiding Officer