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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. R97-1/30

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

(September 26, 1997)

On September 23, 1997, the Postal Service filed motions for late acceptance of responses to interrogatories redirected from witnesses Moden and Mayes.<sup>1</sup> In the case of the OCA interrogatories, the two-day delay was caused by the need to evaluate information to be provided with information previously provided and make appropriate corrections. The one-day delay in filing responses to the UPS interrogatories was caused by the need to coordinate with appropriate field personnel. I will grant these motions.

On September 24, 1997, the Postal Service filed four motions for late acceptance of responses to interrogatories directed to witnesses Fronk, Degen and Panzar, several of which had been redirected to the Postal Service for response.<sup>2</sup> The

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<sup>1</sup> Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Moden (OCA/USPS-T4-23); and Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of United Parcel Service Redirected from Witness Mayes (UPS/USPS-T37-57, 58, 60 & 61).

<sup>2</sup> Response of USPS Witness Fronk to Office of the Consumer Advocate Interrogatory T32-107 and Motion for Late Acceptance; Response of the United States Postal Service to Office of the Consumer Advocate Interrogatory T32-68 and Motion for Late Acceptance; Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate redirected from Witness Degen; Motion for their Late Acceptance; and Notice Regarding OCA/USPS-T12-44-49 (OCA/USPS-T12-51-55); and

responses of witness Panzar and of the Postal Service to interrogatories to witness Degen were delayed due to the malfunction of the computer system in the Law Department at Postal Service headquarters. The responses to the interrogatories to witness Fronk were delayed due the necessity to consult with Headquarters and field personnel, and the significant volume of discovery directed to witness Fronk, coupled with the computer malfunction. I will grant these motions.

### RULING

1. The Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate Redirected from Witness Moden (OCA/USPS-T4-23), filed September 23, 1997, is granted.

2. The Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of United Parcel Service Redirected from Witness Mayes (UPS/USPS-T37-57, 58, 60 & 61), filed September 23, 1997, is granted.

3. The Response of USPS Witness Fronk to Office of the Consumer Advocate Interrogatory T32-107 and Motion for Late Acceptance, filed September 24, 1997, is granted.

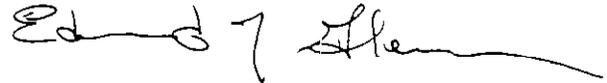
4. The Response of the United States Postal Service to Office of the Consumer Advocate Interrogatory T32-68 and Motion for Late Acceptance, filed September 24, 1997, is granted.

5. The Response of United States Postal Service to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate redirected from Witness Degen; Motion for their Late Acceptance; and Notice Regarding OCA/USPS-T12-44-49 (OCA/USPS-T12-51-55), filed September 24, 1997, is granted.

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Response of United States Postal Service Witness Panzar to Interrogatory of United Parcel Service and Motion for Late Acceptance (UPS/USPS-T11-6).

6. The Response of United States Postal Service Witness Panzar to Interrogatory of United Parcel Service and Motion for Late Acceptance (UPS/USPS-T11-6), filed September 24, 1997, is granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Gleiman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Edward J. Gleiman  
Presiding Officer