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PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R97-1/43

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

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE
OF OBJECTIONS

(October 10, 1997)

On October 1, 1997, the Postal Service filed two motions for late acceptance of objections to interrogatories from United Parcel Service addressed to witnesses Sharkey and Mayes.¹

In the case of the interrogatory addressed to witness Mayes, Postal Service counsel states that the delay was caused by preparation of the Postal Service's Trial Brief, and the press of other discovery. I will grant this motion.

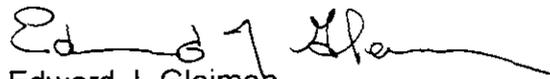
Postal Service counsel indicates that its objection to the interrogatory addressed to witness Sharkey was delayed due to the fact that it was not until a draft response was prepared that the Service was aware of the sensitive nature of the information requested. I will grant the motion.

RULING

1. The Motion for Late Acceptance of and Objection of United States Postal Service to Interrogatory UPS/USPS-T37-78(B), filed October 1, 1997, is granted.

¹ Motion for Late Acceptance of and Objection of United States Postal Service to Interrogatory UPS/USPS-T37-78(B); and Objection of United States Postal Service to Part of UPS Interrogatory UPS/USPS-T33-59 to Witness Sharkey and Motion for Late Acceptance.

2. The Objection of United States Postal Service to Part of UPS Interrogatory UPS/USPS-T33-59 to Witness Sharkey and Motion for Late Acceptance, filed October 1, 1997, is granted.

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Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer