

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

Classification and Fees for Weight-Averaged
Nonletter-size Business Reply Mail

Docket No. MC99-2

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST

(June 3, 1999)

This case and others (MC97-1 and MC99-1) in a recent series exploring accounting options for nonletter-size Business Reply Mail (BRM) have demonstrated the Service's willingness and ability to work with mailers, such as the photofinishers, on developing efficient, cost-effective methods suited to their special business needs. Given the apparent success with its recent experiment, the Commission is interested in learning whether the Postal Service is actively pursuing the possibility of extending the apparent benefits of weight averaging, now available only to mailers of nonletter-size pieces, to other BRM mailers.

Therefore the Postal Service is requested to provide an informational report on known impediments to such an extension, and the status of any work or planning that may be underway, or anticipated, related to testing or implementing weight-averaging or other cost-effective methods of counting, rating and billing letter- or card-size BRM.

The Service is requested to provide this report no later than June 14, 1999.

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