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SPECIAL SERVICES REFORM, 1996

Docket No. MC96-3

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO OCA/USPS-13
(August 15, 1996)

On August 1, 1996, OCA directed interrogatory OCA/USPS-13 to the Postal Service. Among other things, the interrogatory requested that the Postal Service determine "what else" besides processing or delivery changes could account for the decline in the unit attributable cost of certified mail. This is a broadly-worded request as there are any number of possible explanations. The Postal Service currently is investigating a number of possibilities and accordingly, needs more time to respond. The Postal Service thus requests an extension of time until Thursday, August 22, 1996 to respond to this interrogatory. If the Postal Service is able to file a response sooner, it will do so.

Counsel for the Postal Service today spoke with counsel for the OCA who stated that the OCA was interested in having the best possible information, and thus had no objection to the extension. Counsel for the OCA also stated that the OCA would appreciate receiving a response as promptly as possible.



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Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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