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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

SPECIAL SERVICES REFORM, 1996

Docket No. MC96-3

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S
INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2, QUESTION 14
(August 22, 1996)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a response to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2, question 14, issued on August 6, 1996. The response originally was due on August 16, 1996, but the Postal Service filed a motion requesting an extension of time until today to file the response. *Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Respond to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2, Questions 4, 5, 7, 10, and 14.*

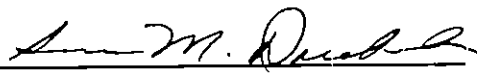
The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

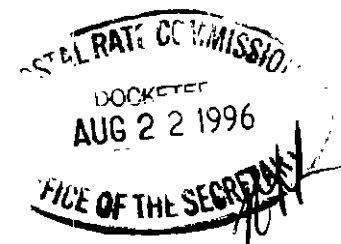
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Answer of Richard Patelunas to
Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2
to United States Postal Service

POIR No. 2 Question 14.

In the response to Interrogatory OCA/USPS-T5-4, witness Patelunas states that the 17.6 percent decline in attributable costs per transaction for certified mail from FY 1994 to FY 1995 is the result of a relatively large increase in volume accompanied by a small increase in total attributable costs. Please expand on the explanation.

POIR No. 2 Question 14 Response.

See my response to OCA/USPS-13.

DECLARATION

I, Richard Patelunas, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Richard Patelunas

Dated: 8-22-96

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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