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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SPECIAL SERVICES REFORM, 1996

Docket No. MC96-3

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 3, QUESTIONS 2-3 AND 6-17 (September 5, 1996)

On August 29, 1996, Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 3 was issued. The Postal Service requests an extension of time to respond to questions 2-3 and 6-17. Given the press of preparing for hearings, the intervening Labor Day weekend, and the required absence today of Postal Service counsel, the Postal Service has not had adequate time to coordinate among the various functional groups and witnesses required to respond. The Postal Service hopes to have other responses ready for filing on Friday, September 6, 1996. It seems likely, however, that there may be some questions which will remain unanswered as of the start of hearings on Monday, September 9, 1996.

The Postal Service plans to provide an oral status report at the start of hearings to advise the Commission and the parties on when they might expect responses to any outstanding questions.



Respectfully submitted,

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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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