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Special Services Fees and Classifications Docket No. MC96-3

NOTICE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
CONCERNING RESPONSE TO SUBPART b. OF INTERROGATORY
USPS/OCA-T100-41 DIRECTED TO WITNESS SHERMAN
(NOVEMBER 14, 1996)

It has come to the attention of the Office of the Consumer Advocate that the response to USPS/OCA-T100-41, subpart b., was omitted from the answers of the Office of the Consumer Advocate to interrogatories of the United States Postal Service to Witness Sherman (USPS/OCA-T100-38-60) dated November 13, 1996. The response is attached.

OCA regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANSWERS OF OCA WITNESS ROGER SHERMAN
TO INTERROGATORIES USPS/OCA-T100-38-60

USPS/OCA-T100-41. Please refer to page 28, lines 12-14 of your testimony, where you state that "[i]f post office boxes are properly priced so they cover their costs they should be provided wherever they are requested by consumers."

- a. What should the Postal Service do to provide boxes when they are requested by customers at offices in which all boxes are in use, if the fees are not sufficiently high to justify the expansion of the box service section?
- b. Does it make economic sense for the Postal Service to reduce fees at such offices?

A. a. If fees are not sufficiently high to justify expansion of box service, it would appear that post office boxes are not properly priced. When it can be properly done, the Postal Service should request higher prices in this situation, in part because prices may not cover costs and so may not be in compliance with pricing statutes of the Postal Reorganization Act. As the quoted statement points out, proper pricing will avoid such a situation.

b. I can see no reason for reduced box fees at such an office.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 3.B(3) of the special rules of practice.


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