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Before The
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS WILLIAM P. TAYMAN (OCA/USPS-T9-10-11)
February 10, 2000

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Pursuant to sections 26 and 27 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-1-14 dated January 24, 2000, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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1333 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20268-0001 (202) 789-6830; Fax (202) 789-6819 OCA/USPS-T9-10. Please refer to USPS-LR-I-127, filename STPDC 00.xls.

- (a) The following refers to the worksheet titled "Non Pers Other Programs," cells A58 and A64 through A67. For FY00, segment 18, component 210, "absorb[s] additional inflation (HQ S&S)" of -\$7,000,000. For FY00, several components in segment 18 "absorb additional inflation" totaling -\$40,000,000. Please explain the basis for determining a cost reduction of -\$47,000,000 for inflation absorption in FY00. Then, provide a list by segment and component identifying the specific dollar amounts included in the Postal Service costs for positive inflation absorption.
- (b) The following refers to cells A58 and A64 through A67, in the worksheet titled "Non Pers Cost Reductions." For FY01, please identify by segment and component the specific amounts that have been included for inflation absorption. If none are incorporated, please explain why it was only necessary to reduce inflation absorption in FY00.

OCA/USPS-T9-11. At the February 9, 2000, Miami meeting, the Board of Governors approved a \$10.1 million investment in phase one of PostalOne. Was the \$10.1 million investment in information platform technology included in the FY00 revenue requirement? If so, please identify the segment and component affected. In your response, please indicate where the cost can be identified in USPS-LR-I-127. If not, please indicate the impact the \$10.1 million investment will have on FY00 and FY01 expenditures.

## 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 12 of the rules of practice.

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