

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

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSES TO
INTERROGATORIES OCA/USPS-51
(February 16, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that it be permitted to file three business days late its response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-51, filed on January 28, 2000.

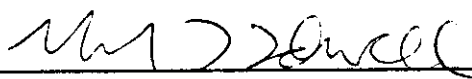
The response was due to have been filed on Friday, February 11, 2000. Preparation of the response required consultation with various components of postal management, including individuals whose responsibilities required that they be on travel through yesterday. These factors made it impossible to complete all necessary record searches, consult with appropriate personnel, and prepare a response until late in the day yesterday. The Postal Service anticipates that no party will be prejudiced by the filing of this response three business days and five calendar days late.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

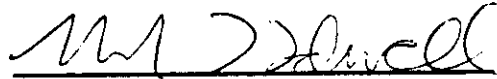
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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