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Docket No. R2000-1

Third Set of Interrogatories of the National Newspaper Association to USPS Witness Hunter (NNA/USPS T5 - 26-30)

Pursuant to Section 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the National Newspaper

Association (NNA), hereby submits the attached interrogatories to USPS Witness

Hunter (NNA/USPS T5-26-30).

Respectfully Submitted

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QUESTIONS

Please respond in detail to the questions submitted. If you cannot answer a question because it is beyond your area of expertise, please refer it to another USPS witness who can respond.

NNA/USPS T5 - 26. Please answer the following questions with respect to verification referred to in LR I-44. If you cannot respond, please refer the question to another witness who is able to respond.

a. Please explain what verification is required.

b. Confirm that periodicals mail is verified by weighing, post office audit or audit bureau audit.

c. Confirm that PERMIT records the fact that verification was conducted, if it was.

d. Confirm that if no verification occurred, PERMIT would indicate its absence. If your answer is no, please explain.

NNA/USPS T5 - 27. In the instance of additional entry, please explain whether verification is accomplished by the entry post office or the additional entry office, both or neither.

NNA/USPS T5 - 28. In the instance of exceptional dispatch, please explain whether verification is accomplished by the entry post office, the exceptional dispatch office, both or neither.

NNA/USPS T5 - 29. Does the PERMIT system contain data that would enable the Postal Service to analyze the frequency of publication of users of in-county mail entered in PERMIT-based offices? If your answer is yes, please provide a breakdown of publication frequency for the base year in this case. If your answer is no, please explain in detail why the data are not available.

NNA/USPS T5 - 30. Does the non-automated sampling system for in county mail contain data that would enable the Postal Service to analyze the frequency of publication of users of in-county mail entered in non automated offices? If your answer is yes, please provide a breakdown of publication frequency for the base year in this case. If your answer is no, please explain in detail why the data are not available.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have on this $\frac{23}{3}$ day of February, 2000, served the foregoing document in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice.

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