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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. R2000-1/5

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
GRANTING LATE ACCEPTANCE

(February 29, 2000)

The Postal Service Law Department suffered intermittent loss of computer systems on February 22, 2000 and a complete loss of computer systems on February 23, 2000. This hindered timely filing of responses and objections, or further delayed filing of responses that were already past due. The Postal Service subsequently filed seven motions for late acceptance necessitated by the unforeseen computer system problem. In each case, a response was either attached to the motion or a separate response was concurrently filed with the motion.

On February 24, 2000, the Postal Service filed five motions for late acceptance of responses:

1. Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. 3 and OCA/USPS-53, 55,
2. Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service Witness Tayman to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T9-1-3),

3. Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service Witness Tayman to Interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA/USPS-T9-4-6),

4. Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service Witness Tayman to Interrogatories of the Direct Marketing Association, Inc. Redirected From Witness Kingsley (DMA/USPS-T10-44),

5. Motion for Late Acceptance of and Response of United States Postal Service Witness Tayman to Interrogatories of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers Redirected From Witness Kingsley (ANM/USPS-T10-17, 19, 28 and 31).

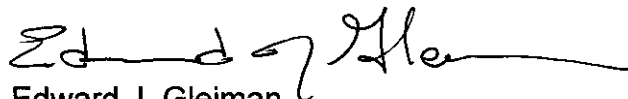
On February 25, 2000, the Postal Service filed both a motion for late acceptance of responses, and a motion for late acceptance of objections:

1. Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Responses of Witness Baron and Raymond to UPS Interrogatories (UPS/USPS-T12-1, UPS/USPS-T13-6),

2. Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Objections to UPS Interrogatories UPS/USPS-T-34-3(e) and 4 to Witness Robinson.

#### RULING

The seven Postal Service motions (enumerated in the body of this ruling) for late acceptance of responses or objections are granted.

  
Edward J. Gleiman  
Presiding Officer