

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

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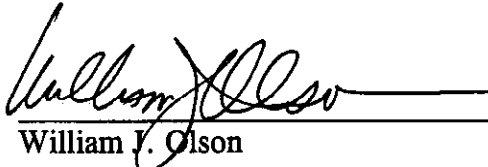
POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000 )

Docket No. R2000-1

ASSOCIATION OF PRIORITY MAIL USERS, INC.  
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR  
PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS LINDA A. KINGSLEY (APMU/USPS-T10-1)  
(March 7, 2000)

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Association of Priority Mail Users, Inc. hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. If necessary, please redirect any interrogatories and/or requests to a more appropriate Postal Service witness.

Respectfully submitted,

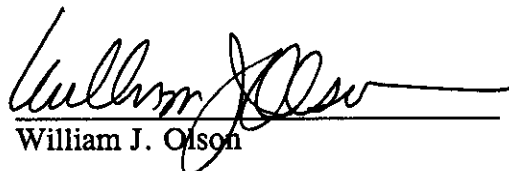


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served this document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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March 7, 2000

**APMU/USPS-T10-1.**

In June 1998, the Postal Service completed activation of the last of its 10 PMPCs. Within the two areas served by the PMPC network (*i.e.*, the Northeast and Florida), processing of Priority Mail was transferred from Postal Service plants to the PMPCs.

- a. Please specify the extent to which the transfer of Priority Mail processing to the PMPC network has helped generally to free up space and mail processing equipment (*e.g.*, flat sorting machines or SPBSs) within Postal Service plants in the Northeast and Florida, especially during critical dispatch periods.
- b. Please specify the extent to which the transfer of Priority Mail processing to the PMPC network has helped to reduce or eliminate congestion and critical bottlenecks as regards space and mail processing equipment (*e.g.*, flat sorting machines or SPBSs) within Postal Service plants in the Northeast and Florida, especially during critical times such as Christmas.
- c. Please specify the extent to which the transfer of Priority Mail processing to the PMPC network has helped to increase efficiency and reduce costs of the other (non-Priority) mail that is processed in Postal Service plants within the network area.
- d. Please specify the extent to which the transfer of Priority Mail processing to the PMPC network has helped to increase on-time delivery performance of mail processed in the Northeast and Florida.