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

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Docket No. R2000-1

MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE TO MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION INTERROGATORY (MMA/USPS-1) (March 15, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that it be permitted to file six calendar days late its response to the following interrogatory of the Major Mailers Association: MMA/USPS-1, filed on February 25, 2000. The response was due to have been filed on March 10, 2000.

Preparation of the answers to the various subparts of this interrogatory required a search for and review of responsive documents and consultations with personnel concerning the numerous Move Update and Address Information Service products referred to therein. These consultations took longer to complete than expected. The extensive travel schedules of certain knowledgeable personnel (who are not connected to the rate case) limited the opportunity to expeditiously confer with them concerning numerous matters related to the documents referred to in the interrogatory. Those consultation were completed today. The Postal Service regrets missing the discovery response deadline by six days, but assures the Commission and MMA that every effort was made to prepare accurate responses as quickly as possible. The Postal Service does not believe that any party will be prejudiced by the delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.

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