

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 FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF OBJECTION
OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES DBP/USPS-11(b)-(m)
(March 17, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that it be permitted to file today (four calendar days late) its objections to interrogatories DBP/USPS-11(b)-(m). The interrogatories were filed on March 3, 2000; the objections were due to have been filed on Monday, March 13, 2000.

Undersigned counsel was not aware until this afternoon that responsibility for disposition of DBP/USPS-11 had been assigned to him. Because the interrogatories are not within the scope of undersigned counsel's otherwise broad areas of responsibilities, he mistakenly assumed that these questions had been assigned to one of his equally overburdened colleagues.

Counsel regrets the delay in the preparation of the objection, but believes that no party will be prejudiced by it.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

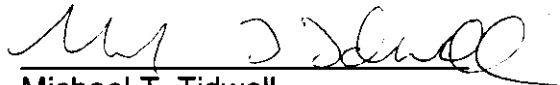
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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.



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