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

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Docket No. R2000-1

OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ADVO INTERROGATORY ADVO/USPS-7 AND MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of the following objection to ADVO/USPS-7. The objection should have been filed on April 3rd. The interrogatory seeks information from the delivery redesign program, and the delay in filing this objection was due to the already massive workload in that area, and the need to develop an estimate of the burden involved to respond.

ADVO/USPS-7 seeks any information indicating the effect of weight on city carrier operations. The Postal Service objects on the grounds of undue burden. The potentially relevant information from the delivery redesign program is stored in a number of cardboard boxes. The Postal Service estimates that it would require two to three days of dedicated effort merely to segregate potentially relevant information. Under the circumstances in which the same personnel who would have to undertake this effort are already more than fully occupied in addressing other matters raised by

ADVO and other intervenors, this effort would be undue.

Respectfully submitted,

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