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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF KEYSpan ENERGY
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS CAMPBELL

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of KeySpan Energy: KE/USPS-T29-43, filed on March 16, 2000.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

The interrogatory has been redirected from witness Campbell to the Postal Service for response.

Respectfully submitted,

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KE/USPS-T29-43.

Please refer to your response to KE/USPS-T29-22 (b), where you state that BRM operations are unlikely to change because of the newly proposed 3-cent fee.

- (a) Did the BRM operations for processing nonletter-size pieces change when the new classification and lower fee went into effect as a result of the stipulation and agreement approved by the Commission and the Board of Governors in Docket No. MC99-2? Please explain.
- (b) What plans, if any, does the Postal Service have to process more efficiently the QBRM reply letters received by individual recipients customers in high volume? If the Postal Service does have such plans, please provide all documents that discuss such plans.

RESPONSE:

- (a) No. Weight averaging was taking place at seven sites during the Docket No. MC99-1 extension of the experiment. Those seven sites carried on as before when the permanent Docket No. MC99-2 fees were implemented in February 2000.
- (b) The Postal Service has not developed any concrete plans, on a national basis, to more efficiently process QBRM or perform associated accounting for high-volume accounts. This is not to imply that individual sites will not initiate their own improvement efforts.

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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