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

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Docket No. R2000-1

OBJECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO POPKIN INTERROGATORIES DBP/USPS-135, 136 (April 10, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby objects to interrogatories DBP/USPS-135, 136 filed on March 27, 2000. These interrogatories request detailed explanations of numerous terms contained on one page of USPS-LR-I-231, concerning MBE Contract Stations. The Postal Service hereby objects to this interrogatory on the grounds of relevance. The specific details of MBE Contract Station operations are not sufficiently related to the matters at issue in this case to justify the burden of preparing a response, as they have little bearing on the rates and classifications to be determined in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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