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

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Docket No. R2000-1

MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF OPPOSITION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO POPKIN MOTION TO COMPEL RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES DBP/USPS-5, 10 (April 10, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of its opposition to the motion of David B. Popkin to compel responses to interrogatories DBP/USPS-5, 10. The need to respond to a high volume of discovery requests, and motions practice related thereto, as well as the need to facilitate and conduct an informal technical conference pursuant to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/27, prevented a more timely response.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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