

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R2000-~~4~~ POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSES TO
POSTCOM INTERROGATORIES
(POSTCOM/USPS- 5(a,b) 6(c-g), 7(c-f) AND 8)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that it be permitted to file five calendar days late its responses to the following interrogatories of PostCom: PostCom/USPS-5(a,b) 6(c-g), 7(c-f) and 8. The responses were due to have been filed on April 6, 2000.

Preparation of these responses took longer than would be expected under ordinary circumstances. Unfortunately, the postal manager most knowledgeable about the subject matter of these interrogatories is recuperating from treatment for a life-threatening medical condition and his responsibilities have been split by other capable managers who are less familiar with the details of the subject matter of these interrogatories. Under the circumstances, the Postal Service also had to confer with the consulting firm¹ that prepared the underlying reports to which the interrogatories refer.

The Postal Service considers the delay in responding to be reasonable under the circumstances and does not believe that it has prejudiced any party.

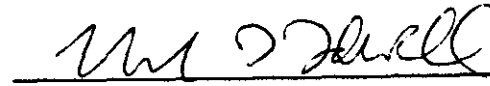
¹ Which is not presently under contract to perform additional tasks associated with those reports.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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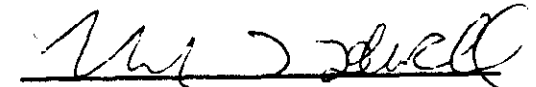


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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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April 11, 2000