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WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

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Docket No. R2000-1

FIFTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES (FOLLOW-UP)
OF MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA, INC.
TO USPS WITNESS DEGEN (MPA/USPS-T16-17)

(APRIL 17, 2000)

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, Magazine Publishers of America, Inc. hereby submits the attached fifth set of interrogatories (follow-up) to United States Postal Service Witness Degen (MPA/USPS-T16-17).

Respectfully submitted,



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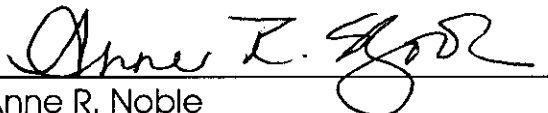
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MPA/USPS-T16-17. Please refer to your response to MPA/USPS-T16-14(f), in which you state that: “‘Broad’ distribution of mixed-mail across cost pools, in the context of a distribution methodology that makes appropriate use of the information contained in item and container tallies, may be justifiable. . . .”

- a. Please state whether you had a distribution methodology in mind when you made the quoted statement.
- b. If the answer to part (a) is affirmative, please specify the nature of the “‘broad’ distribution of mixed mail cost pools” and the “appropriate use of the information contained in item and container tallies.”
- c. Please provide the volume-variable costs by cost pool and subclass resulting from the distribution methodology described in response to part (b), in a format comparable to Table 3 at USPS-T-17. Please also provide an electronic (Excel) version.
- d. Please provide the SAS code used to generate the response to part (c) in hard copy and electronic form.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice.


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Washington DC
April 17, 2000