

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OF ERRATUM TO TESTIMONY OF WITNESS KIEFER

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is filing an erratum to the testimony of witness Kiefer, USPS-T-37. This erratum consists of a correction to the citation contained in line 1 of page 26. A revised page is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 16 ounces and, as a result of Docket No. MC97-3, the upper weight limit was
2 increased to 15 pounds.¹¹

3 Up until 1973, the subclass contained only catalogs and similar bound
4 advertising matter, but Docket No. MC73-1 broadened eligibility to include bound
5 printed matter other than catalogs, although most books were still excluded.

6 Unlike Special Standard Mail and Library Mail, the rates for Bound Printed
7 Matter are zoned. Following Postal Reorganization, preferred rates were phased
8 out for Special Standard Mail, leading to a situation where, in some close-in
9 zones, the Bound Printed Matter rates were lower than Special Standard Mail
10 rates. Many book publishers responded to these new rate relationships by
11 including non-incidental advertising in books to make them eligible for the
12 cheaper Bound Printed Matter rates. In Docket No. R90-1, the Postal Service
13 sought to conform the classification's eligibility requirements to this reality. The
14 Commission agreed, and recommended that all books that meet the weight
15 requirements be eligible to be mailed as Bound Printed Matter. Today, Bound
16 Printed Matter consists of catalogs, books, telephone directories, manuals and
17 similar bound volumes. Since March of 1999, mailers sending Bound Printed
18 Matter can also use the Postal Service's new Delivery Confirmation service.

19 Mailers of Bound Printed Matter can take advantage of a number of work
20 sharing discounts, including Basic Presort, Carrier Route and Parcel Barcoding.
21 In this docket the Postal Service will also propose new destination entry
22 discounts for properly prepared mail entered at the Destination BMC, Destination

¹¹ Catalogs and other bound printed matter weighing less than these minimums could be entered as third-class (later, Standard A) mail. In this docket we are proposing to eliminate the 16-ounce weight restriction for purposes of BPM acceptance. See Section V.D. for details.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott L. Reiter", written over a horizontal line.

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