

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
RESPONSE TO  
PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R2000-1/33

April 14, 2000

Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/33 denied as moot my motion to compel the Postal Service to respond to DFC/USPS-42(a), which asked the Postal Service to provide a copy of a listing from *Postal Life* magazine of postal facilities that offer window service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The presiding officer noted his impression that I possess a copy of this page from *Postal Life*.

While I do have a copy of the page, my primary purpose in filing the interrogatory was to introduce this information into evidence. Participants may properly use discovery to request information that the Postal Service possesses. The ruling appears to acknowledge the relevance of Sunday mail processing by noting that "Further argument can be made on brief."<sup>1</sup> I intend to argue on brief that the Commission should recommend that the Postal Service collect and provide, for the next rate case, information on Sunday processing of the various classes of mail that is collected at retail facilities on Sundays. Sunday processing affects the appropriate cost coverage of each class of mail. Moreover, the existence of Sunday retail facilities raises a question of whether the public is properly informed as to whether outgoing mail will be processed on Sundays.

Requiring me to introduce this page from *Postal Life* into evidence by filing my own testimony would pose an unreasonable burden on me. Therefore, the Postal

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<sup>1</sup> POR R2000-1/33 at 4.

Service should respond to DFC/USPS-42(a) and provide the requested page from *Postal Life*.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 14, 2000



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DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

April 14, 2000  
Emeryville, California



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