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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA
(MPA/USPS-T0-47)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following
interrogatory of Magazine Publishers of America: MPA/USPS-47, filed on April 4, 2000.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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TO INTERROGATORIES OF MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA, INC.**

MPA/USPS-47. Please refer to Section M050.3.4 of the Domestic Mail Manual, which states: "Line-of-travel sequence is an option for mailers who prepare carrier route mailings other than high density or saturation mailings, Line-of-travel sequencing is a minimum requirement for basic Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail."

- a. Please describe generally why the line-of-travel sequencing of carrier route mailings reduces the Postal Service's per-piece cost for handling carrier route mail.
- b. Please state when line-of-sequencing became a minimum requirement for Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail.
- c. Please provide all Postal Service studies and reports regarding any savings that may have been realized from the line-of-travel sequencing requirement for basic Enhanced Carrier Route Standard Mail.
- d. Please confirm that line-of-travel-sequencing is not a requirement for Periodicals Carrier Route Basic mail.
- e. Please provide all Postal Service studies and reports regarding any savings that might result from requiring line-of-travel sequencing for Periodicals Carrier Route Basic mail.

RESPONSE:

- a. Please see USPS-LR-I-307.
- b. The requirement that mailers prepare Standard A Enhanced Carrier Route (ECR) basic rate mail in line-of-travel (LOT) sequence was formally implemented on July 1, 1996.
- c. Please see USPS-LR-I-307.
- d. Confirmed, but the Postal Service is considering making it a requirement. The Postal Service currently has plans to solicit comments on imposing a line-of-travel requirement for Periodicals Carrier Route Basic mail through a Federal Register notice within the next several months.
- e. Please see USPS-LR-I-307.

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 "Susan M. Duchek", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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