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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. R2000-1/49

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING SCHEDULING THE APPEARANCE  
OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESSES

(Issued April 25, 2000)

Order No. 1289, issued March 28, 2000, as supplemented by Presiding Officer's Ruling No. 31, issued April 7, 2000, directed the Postal Service to present evidence on the causes of the upward trend in the costs of processing Periodicals and on the declining productivity of processing on automated flat sorting equipment. The Postal Service provided the testimony of witnesses Walter F. O'Tormey (USPS-ST-42) and Dennis R. Unger (USPS-ST-43). Discovery on that testimony is currently underway. Requests for oral cross-examination of those witnesses are to be filed by May 8, 2000. If oral cross-examination is requested, those witnesses are scheduled to testify on May 11, 2000.

In an unrelated matter, I have been informed that it will be most convenient for witness Harahush (USPS-T-3) to appear first on May 2, 2000, the date he is scheduled to testify.

RULING

1. A hearing to receive the testimony of witnesses O'Tormey (USPS-ST-42) and Unger (USPS-ST-43) is scheduled for May 11, 2000.
2. Witness Harahush (USPS-T-3) will testify first at the hearing on May 2, 2000.

  
Edward J. Gleiman  
Presiding Officer