

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO QUESTION POSED BY MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION  
DURING HEARINGS

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to a Question posed by the Major Mailers Association during the cross-examination of witness Miller on April 18, 2000.

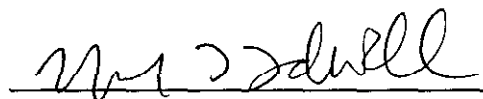
The question is paraphrased and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Tr. 7/3193.** Please refer to MMA/USPS-T24-14 (c1 and c2) and provide similar estimates for the last five years.

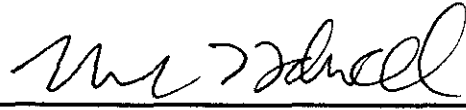
**RESPONSE:**

Mail volume data for returned/forwarded First-Class presort and non-presort letters was not collected prior to Postal Quarter 2 Fiscal Year 1998. As a result, there are no data for calendar years prior to 1998.

For calendar year 1998, the estimated volume of First-Class presort letters that were forwarded or returned is 754 million. The percentage is therefore 1.87% (754 million / 40,305 million). For calendar year 1998, the estimated volume of First-Class nonpresorted letters that were forwarded or returned is 904 million. The percentage is therefore 1.86% (904 million / 48,577 million).

## 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Michael T. Tidwell", written in black ink on a white background.

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