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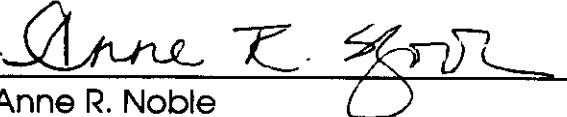
MPA/USPS-62. In USPS-LR-I-50 at page 24, total FY98 Amtrak train costs are shown to be \$61,537,184.28. In USPS-LR-I-1 at page 77, accrued costs for account 53142 (Passenger Train Line Haul Service) are shown to be \$73,031,244. Please itemize the factors that account for the difference between these two figures, including, but not limited to, movement of Roadrailleurs on Amtrak. Please supply the accrued costs associated with each such itemized factor.

MPA/USPS-63. Please confirm that empty equipment moved by rail in account number 53192 may include equipment used to transport mail by truck. If not confirmed, please explain.

MPA/USPS-64. Please identify and describe all initiatives to reduce costs and/or improve efficiency in surface transportation in the test year that were not incorporated in the USPS filing, and have not been described and/or quantified in other interrogatory responses. Please provide the best available estimate of the impact of each such initiative on periodicals costs.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice.


Anne R. Noble

Washington DC
May 8, 2000