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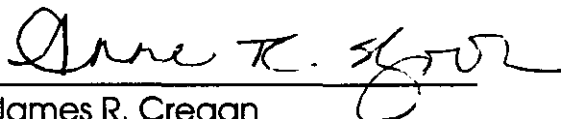
EIGHTH SET OF  
INSTITUTIONAL INTERROGATORIES (FOLLOW-UP) OF  
MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA, INC.  
TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
(MPA/USPS-53-61)

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(May 8, 2000)

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, Magazine Publishers of America, Inc. hereby submits the attached follow-up interrogatories to the United States Postal Service.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

**MPA/USPS-53 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-16).** Please explain why the values on Lines E1 and E2 of the Attachment do not sum to the figure of \$314,689,557.06 shown as the "Sub-total". Please provide the definition(s) and value(s) for any missing data item(s). Please supply documentation of administrative standards and procedures governing the practice and limitations on financial terms associated with contract renewals.

**MPA/USPS-54 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-17c).** Regarding the "study of transportation utilization" referenced in the response to 17c, please describe the scope of work and provide the estimated date of completion for this study. Regarding the "reductions in unutilized capacity" referenced in the response, please provide the best available estimate of dollar savings by transportation mode and cost account that are expected to result from these reductions in FY01. For any such dollar savings estimates that are not available, please indicate when they are expected to be available. For each dollar savings estimate that is supplied, please indicate the proportion that is already reflected in the Postal Service's development of test year costs, and provide corresponding documentation.

**MPA/USPS-55 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-23).** Please confirm that Amtrak Roadrillers are used by USPS in service that is most analogous to inter-SCF highway transportation. If not confirmed, please explain.

**MPA/USPS-56 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-30).** Regarding the \$100 million future cost reduction referenced in the response, please provide the best available estimate of dollar savings by cost account that are expected to result in FY01. Please identify the proportion of each dollar savings estimate that is already reflected in the Postal Service's development of test year costs, or in the response to the follow-up to MPA/USPS-17c. Please provide corresponding documentation.

**MPA/USPS-57 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-31b).** Please provide all documentation of the magnitude of highway cost increases and rail cost decreases associated with any conversion of freight rail traffic to highway contracts that is incorporated in the development of test year costs. Please provide documentation of the magnitude of any other cost increases that are projected in the test year as a result of changes in

freight rail characteristics.

**MPA/USPS-58 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-44).** For Amtrak capacity procured on a linear foot basis, please provide the best available estimate of the proportion of procured Amtrak linear feet associated with each type of equipment. Alternatively, please provide the best available estimate of the cubic feet per linear foot relied upon by the Postal Service in dispatching mail for movement in the Amtrak capacity it procures on a linear foot basis.

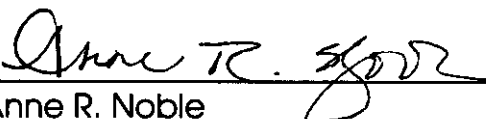
**MPA/USPS-59 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-45).** Please provide the best available estimate of dollar savings by cost account that is expected to result in FY01 from the anticipated process improvements, cycle time reductions, and possible unit cost reductions. Please identify the proportion of each dollar savings estimate that is already reflected in the Postal Service's development of test year costs, or in the responses to other interrogatories. Please provide corresponding documentation.

**MPA/USPS-60 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-46).** Please provide a copy of PS Form 5366, with associated instructions. Please provide the summary Amtrak utilization data derived from Form 5366 in whatever format such data were made available to postal transportation management personnel in BY98.

**MPA/USPS-61 (Follow-up to MPA/USPS-T1-12).** Please confirm that the figure of 34 percent applies to rail movements whose costs accrue to account number 53143. If not confirmed, please explain. For the (100-78=) 22 percent of non-BMC movements that are not for empty equipment, please indicate the origin and destination facility types that are most commonly served.

### 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.

  
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Anne R. Noble

Washington DC  
May 8, 2000