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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA
(MPA/USPS-52)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following
interrogatory of Magazine Publishers of America: MPA/USPS-52, filed on May 8, 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-52. Please refer to the PRC Revised RPW Data Version of the Cost Segments and Components report for Fiscal Year 1998. Please further refer to USPS LR-I-130, Section 6, giving the PRC version of the Cost Segments and Components report for BY 1998. In particular, please refer to the Cost Segment 7 portions of each of these documents, which show total periodicals costs of \$148,903,000 and \$198,442,000, respectively.

a: Please confirm that the PRC Revised RPW Data Version of the Cost Segments and Components report for Fiscal Year 1998 does not reflect the changes to the costing method for Cost Segment 7 that are being introduced in R2000-1 by the study reported by witness Raymond, USPS-T-13.

b. Please confirm that the PRC version of the Cost Segments and Components report for BY 1998 given in USPS LR-I-130 does reflect the changes to the costing method for Cost Segment 7 that are being introduced in R2000-1 by the study reported by witness Raymond.

c. Please explain whether there are any additional substantial differences in the costing methods used for the Cost Segment 7 portions of these two documents, other than the changes introduced by the study reported by witness Raymond.

d. If there are any additional substantial differences in costing methods given in (c), please estimate the portion of the change in total periodicals Cost Segment 7 costs due to each of these differences.

Response:

(a) Confirmed.

(b) Confirmed.

(c) There are no other substantial differences between the two documents.

(d) Not applicable.

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

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