

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

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000)

Docket No. R2000-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
NOTICE CONCERNING POSTAL SERVICE RESPONSES
TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROVISION
FOR CONTINGENCIES
(May 24, 2000)

To: Hon. Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer

The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") hereby notifies the Presiding Officer that an informal disposition of the OCA Motion to Compel a Response to interrogatory OCA/USPS-T9-43(b) to witness Tayman¹ has not yet been accomplished. The OCA and the Postal Service have engaged in a series of amicable communications in an effort to resolve the Motion to Compel and have the Postal Service furnish answers to OCA follow-up hearing questions filed on April 13, 2000.²

The latest document provided as part of the informal negotiation process is a document captioned "Responses of United States Postal Service to Questions of the Office of the Consumer Advocate Regarding the Provision for Contingencies."³ At the

¹ Filed April 10, 2000.


² "Office of the Consumer Advocate Questions Following Up on April 11, 2000, Hearing." (Ten questions were submitted concerning the proposed contingency provision.)

³ Filed May 17, 2000. As a result of negotiations, the OCA narrowed its request for information to three questions that are presented verbatim in the Postal Service's responsive document. The Postal

present time, the OCA is evaluating the Postal Service responses and expects to have further discussions with the Postal Service over these matters. The OCA does not consider the issue resolved at this time, and will keep the Presiding Officer apprised of further informal developments.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE


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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 section 12 of the rules of practice.


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Service states therein that it and "the OCA have agreed that the attached questions may be answered in lieu of responding to the" motion to compel and the April 13 follow-up questions.