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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
ADMITTING LETTERS INTO EVIDENCE

(Issued May 24, 2000)

At the hearing held April 28, 2000, the written cross-examination of witness Mayo included, *inter alia*, four letters which were transcribed, but not admitted into evidence pending resolution of a discovery dispute between the Postal Service and David B. Popkin. See Tr. 14/5349-5350. The letters were attached to DBP/USPS-131-134.¹ In subpart (a) of each interrogatory, the Postal Service was requested to authenticate the letter. The Postal Service objected, and motions practice ensued.


POR R2000-1/59 resolved the dispute. In lieu of authenticating the letters, the Postal Service was directed to indicate "whether the letters accurately describe the current procedures used to process return receipt mail under the circumstances represented in the letters."² On May 17, 2000, the Postal Service submitted institutional responses indicating that the letters described current procedures. In light of these responses, the letters identified at Tr. 14/5450, 5452, 5454, and 5456 are admitted into evidence. In a separate forthcoming ruling, the Postal Service's responses to DBP/USPS-131(a), 132(a), 133(a), and 134(a) will be identified and made part of the evidentiary record, along with various other institutional responses by the Postal Service.

¹ The letters are transcribed at Tr. 14/5450, 5452, 5454, and 5456.

² POR R2000-1/59, May 10, 2000, at 12.

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The letters submitted as attachments to DBP/USPS-131(a), 132(a), 133(a), and 134(a) and transcribed at Tr. 14/5450, 5452, 5454, and 5456, respectively, are admitted into evidence.

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Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer