

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

**OBJECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF
VAL-PAK DIRECT MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC., VAL-PAK DEALERS'
ASSOCIATION, INC., AND CAROL WRIGHT PROMOTIONS, INC. (VP-CW/USPS—2)**

On May 19, Val-Pak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc., Val-Pak Dealers' Association, Inc., and Carol Wright Promotions filed interrogatory VP-CW/USPS—2. The interrogatory is styled as follow-up discovery to VP-CW/USPS-1, which was filed on May 4, 2000. The Postal Service objected to VP-CW/USPS -1 on grounds of timeliness, but nevertheless offered to provide a response in the spirit of cooperation. The Postal Service accordingly objects to interrogatory VP-CW/USPS—2 on grounds that it is untimely filed under the procedural schedule in P.O. Ruling No. R2000-1/4 and under Rule 25(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Nevertheless, the Postal Service currently plans to supply a response on or before the due date. By offering to supply a response, the Postal Service does not intend to waive its right to object to follow-up or related discovery on the subject matter of interrogatory VP-CW/USPS—2.

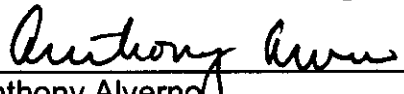
Respectfully submitted,

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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.


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