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Before the
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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000)

Docket No. R2000-1

ANSWER OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
TO INTERROGATORY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS: TED P. GERARDEN (USPS/OCA-T7-7(a)),
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS WILLETTE
(June 15, 2000)

The Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits the answer of Ted P. Gerarden to interrogatory USPS/OCA-T7-7(a), dated June 1, 2000, and redirected from witness Willette. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,


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ANSWER OF OCA WITNESS TED P. GERARDEN
TO INTERROGATORY USPS/OCA-T7-7(a)

USPS/OCA-T7-7(a). On page 18 lines 13-14 of your testimony you state that CEM will “more closely align rates with costs for household mailers.”

(a) Is more closely aligning rates with costs for letters and cards generated [by] household mailers a goal of the OCA?

RESPONSE TO USPS/OCA-T7-7(a):

(a) The trend over the past twelve years has been for First-Class letter mail to carry an ever-increasing burden of the institutional costs of the Postal Service. By all commonly used measures, the revenue generated by First-Class letter mail has increased relative to the costs attributable to such mail. It is a goal of the OCA to reverse this trend such that rates—including rates for letters and cards generated by household mailers—are more closely aligned with the costs for First-Class Mail.

DECLARATION

I, Ted P. Gerarden, declare under penalty of perjury that the answer to interrogatory USPS/OCA-T7-7(a) of the United States Postal Service is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Executed June 15, 2000

Ted P. Gerarden

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.


JENNIE WALLACE

Washington, DC 20268-0001
June 15, 2000