

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

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Docket No. R2000-1

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO
MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION WITNESS NELSON
(USPS/MPA-T3-45 - 47)

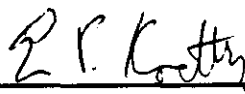
Pursuant to rules 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice and procedure, the United States Postal Service directs the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents to MPA witness Nelson: USPS/MPA-T3-45 - 47. Because of issues regarding the production of documentation for Mr. Nelson's testimony, counsel for MPA has informally agreed not to object to these questions as untimely.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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USPS/MPA-T3-45. Please refer to Workpaper WP-3.

- a. Confirm that you estimated weighted least squares regressions. If you do not confirm, please explain the use of the command "Weight" in the "Proc Reg" statement.
- b. Confirm that the variable NUMRUNS is used as the weight. If you do not confirm, please provide the correct variable that is used as the weight.
- c. Is the variable NUMRUNS proportional to the reciprocals of the error variances from the regression equation? If you answer in the affirmative, please provide empirical evidence to support this claim.
- d. Please provide the mathematical formula for the variance of the regression coefficient on the variable LTRC_RL under the weighted least squares method.

USPS/MPA-T3-46. Please provide a both mathematical and operational definition of the term "cubic foot miles" as you use it in Workpaper WP-4.

USPS/MPA-T3-47. Please provide a list of all published econometric studies that you have authored or coauthored.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Koetting", is written over a horizontal line.

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