

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

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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS HUNTER TO  
PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 15, QUESTION 3  
(July 13, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness  
Robinson to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 15, question 3.

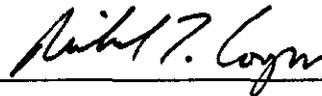
The question is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

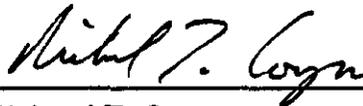
Daniel J. Foucheaux, Jr.  
Chief Counsel, Ratemaking



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**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  
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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS ROBINSON  
TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 15

3. In the June 26th issue of the Business Mailers Review the article "USPS Works on Transition Plan for Priority Mail Processing" (at pages 3-4) asserts that the Postal Service is developing a transition plan for terminating its contract with Emery Worldwide to operate a dedicated Priority Mail system for the Northeast and Florida. If the contract is terminated, what impact would this have on Priority Mail's attributable cost for the test year and Fiscal Year 2002?

RESPONSE:

I am aware that there are ongoing internal discussions and planning for a transition from the current network. It is my understanding that a goal of these discussions is a reduction in Priority Mail costs; however, I am informed that cost estimates for any alternate network design have not been completed.

**DECLARATION**

I, Maura Robinson, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Maura Robinson  
MAURA ROBINSON

Dated: 7.13.2000