

**BEFORE THE
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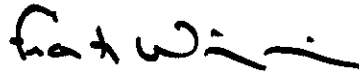
POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

**INSTITUTIONAL INTERROGATORY OF
RECORDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
TO USPS (RIAA/USPS-1)**

Pursuant to Sections 25 and 26 of the rules of practice, Recording Industry Association of America ("RIAA") submits institutional interrogatory to the USPS: RIAA/USPS-1

Respectfully submitted,



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RIAA/USPS-1. The costs of mail processing associated with Special Standard (B) mail appear to have changed as follows:

	1998	1999	Percent Change
Mail Processing Cost PRC Method [1]	\$83,646,000	\$122,431,000	46.4%
Mail Processing Cost USPS Method [2]	\$61,440,000	\$116,164,000	89.1%
Pieces [3]	191,093,000	200,404,000	4.9%
Weight in pounds [3]	308,191,000	309,918,000	0.6%
Cubic Feet [3]	28,342,000	28,763,000	1.5%

[1] 3.1 from Cost Segments and Components – PRC Version, 1998 and 1999.

[2] 3.1 from Cost Segments and Components, 1998 and 1999.

[3] Cost and Revenue Analysis – PRC Version, 1998 and 1999.

Please explain your understanding of the causes in the differences between these costs.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding having requested service of discovery documents in accordance with Section 12 of the rules of practice.

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