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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. R2000-1/105

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE FOR INCORPORATION  
OF RESPONSES INTO THE RECORD

(Issued July 31, 2000)

A large number of responses to discovery have been received after witnesses appeared on the stand, in particular from Postal Service witnesses providing responses to discovery from participants and to Presiding Officer Information Requests. Answers to discovery provided by a party as an institution, or provided by a witness after that witness was available for oral cross-examination, may be admitted into the evidentiary record in accordance with the following procedures:

- Designation of answers provided by a witness after that witness was available for oral cross-examination, whether the witness appears on behalf of the Postal Service or some other participant; and answers provided by a participant as an institution, should be filed on or before August 16, 2000.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Several parties have previously filed designations and these will be included in the volume of transcript to be published after the August 31, 2000 hearing. See Advo, Inc. Supplemental Designations of Institutional Responses of the United States Postal Service (filed May 11, 2000); Association of American Publishers Notice of Additional Designation of Written Cross-Examination (filed July 28, 2000); Magazine Publishers of America, Inc. Additional Designations of Post-Hearing Responses of United States Postal Service Witness Raymond (filed July 19, 2000); Magazine Publishers of America, Inc. Additional Designations of Interrogatories Directed to United States Postal Service and United States Postal Service Witnesses (filed July 19, 2000); Newspaper Association of America Additional Designations of Interrogatory Responses (filed May 31, 2000); Letter of Douglas F. Carlson providing copies of designations pursuant to Presiding Officer's Ruling R2000-1/62 (filed May 25, 2000); and Notice

- Objections and/or motions to provide a witness must be filed on or before August 21, 2000. Requests for oral cross-examination must describe in detail the subject matter of the questions to be posed, and explain why follow-up written questions were not sufficient to explore the context and content of the answer.
- Designated answers will be collected in a separate volume of transcript and admitted into evidence subject to timely objections to the receipt of any particular response, or motions that a witness respond to oral cross-examination on a particular response. Answers will be admitted into the record and published after the August 31, 2000 hearing.

### RULING

Designations of responses to discovery requests provided by the Postal Service and other participants in this case are to be submitted in accordance with the requirements in the body of this ruling.



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Presiding Officer