

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

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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF  
THE MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION  
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS PATELUNAS  
(MMA/USPS-ST44-7(b) and (c))

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of the Major Mailers Association: MMA/USPS-ST44-7(b) and (c), filed on July 24, 2000, and redirected from witness Patelunas.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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OFFICE OF THE MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION**

**MMA/USPS-ST44-7**      Please refer to USPS-ST-44A.

- (a) Please confirm that the Postal Service projects a \$275.3 million loss in the test year after rates? If you cannot confirm, please provide the correct net revenue impact of the updated costs to FY 1999.
- (b) Is the \$275.3 million loss acceptable in order for the Postal Service to meet its breakeven mandate? Please explain.
- (c) If your answer to part (b) is no, please explain what changes the Postal Service has made to its originally proposed rates in order for it to break even.

**Response:**

- (a) Answered by witness Patelunas.
- (b) The \$275.3 deficiency in question resulted from the Postal Service's response to PRC Order No. 1294 and does not represent a change to the Docket No. R2000-1 Request.
- (c) See the response to b.

## 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.



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