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Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
CONCERNING MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION'S
AUGUST 7, 2000 MOTION TO COMPEL

(Issued August 9, 2000)

On August 7, 2000, Major Mailers Association (MMA) filed a motion to compel the Postal Service to answer interrogatories and to provide update information consistent with information provided in response to Order No. 1294.¹ The Postal Service has the opportunity to respond to this motion and the time to provide a response has not expired. This ruling addresses a procedural issue concerning the Postal Service response and does not address the merits of the MMA motion.

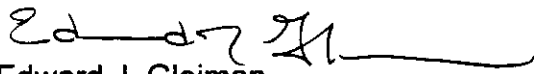
Order No. 1294 directs the Postal Service to prepare a basic update to test year forecasts and allows the Service to incorporate with this information such other updates as it believes will more accurately forecast test year results. Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/71, revising the procedural schedule, contemplates the need for participants to analyze and incorporate the Postal Service update information into their proposals. MMA states that several library references that the Postal Service has no current plans to update contain certain key information. The MMA motion requests an order directing the Postal Service to provide an update to this material.

¹ Motion of Major Mailers Association to Compel Answers to Interrogatories and Request for Order Directing the Postal Service to Provide Necessary Update Information (filed August 7, 2000).

Because of the time constraints placed on the participants in this rate case, the Postal Service is requested to provide an answer to the MMA motion by close of business on August 10, 2000. This will allow for an expedited ruling on the MMA motion and otherwise shorten the time required to resolve this matter.

RULING

The United States Postal Service is to provide an answer to the Motion of Major Mailers Association to Compel Answers to Interrogatories and Request for Order Directing the Postal Service to Provide Necessary Update Information (filed August 7, 2000) by close of business on Thursday, August 10, 2000.


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Presiding Officer