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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MILLER
TO QUESTION POSED BY OCA AT TR. 45/19815 DURING HEARINGS

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of rebuttal witness Michael Miller (USPS-RT-15) to a Question posed by the Office of the Consumer Advocate at Tr. 45/19815 during cross-examination on August 30, 2000.

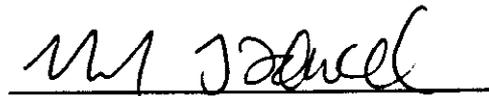
The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tr. 45/19815 Provide the short paid percentage for all First-Class single-piece letters for FY 1998. In addition, provide the short paid percentage for First-Class single-piece letters that weigh less than one ounce for FY 1998 and FY 1999.

RESPONSE:

In my testimony (USPS-RT-15), I relied on the FY 1999 short paid percentage for all First-Class Mail single-piece letters in developing Attachment USPS-RT-15B. That percentage was 1.13% and was calculated using data in USPS LR-I-312. The corresponding FY 1998 short paid percentage for First-Class Mail single-piece letters was 0.65%.

When the data were limited to mail pieces weighing less than one ounce, the FY 1998 and FY 1999 short paid percentages for First-Class single-piece letters were 0.74% and 0.20%, respectively.

DECLARATION

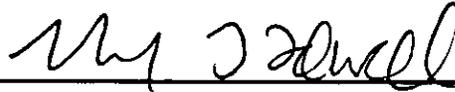
I, Michael W. Miller, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Michael W. Miller

Dated: 9/1/2000

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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