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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

George A. Omas, Vice Chairman;  
Dana B. Covington; Ruth Y. Goldway;  
and W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III

International Mail Report

Docket No. IM2001-1

FIFTH NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL MAIL  
DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 2000

(Issued May 25, 2001)

In order to help the Commission prepare the report required by 39 U.S.C. § 3663, on the costs, volumes, and revenues of the Postal Service's international mail services, the Service is requested to provide the following information:

1. The first two columns of the table below contain selected rates for Publishers' Periodicals. The rates are for four different weight groups and reflect two different time periods: rates that were effective May 30, 1999 and rates that were effective January 7, 2001. These rates applied to mail to all countries (Rest of the World – ROW) except Canada and Mexico. The Postal Service is requested to provide the applicable EURB and UPU (Developing Country) terminal dues for each weight increment. For the 5/30/99 rates, the Service should select the terminal dues in effect the second half of Fiscal Year 2000. For the 1/7/01 rates, the Service should use the terminal dues effective in the second half of FY 2001. For the EURB countries, if the Service is using the UPU regime for industrialized countries, then it should provide those figures instead. The overriding goal should be to provide the

applicable terminal dues for the time period. The Postal Service is also requested to provide inputs and calculations for the terminal dues. Please provide the terminal dues in U.S. dollars.

#### Comparison of Publishers' Periodical ROW Rates and Selected Terminal Dues

Ounces Per Piece	ROW		Terminal Dues	
	Rates Effective		UPU	EURB
	<u>5/30/99</u>	<u>1/7/01</u>	Developing Country	Country
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
16	\$1.87	\$2.15		
32	\$3.31	\$3.81		
48	\$4.46	\$5.13		
64	\$5.61	\$6.45		

2. The Service is requested to provide the figures in the table below. The source numbers are contained in the completed table in item 1.

#### Ratio of Terminal Dues to Publishers Periodical ROW Rates

Ounces Per piece	5/30/99		1/7/01	
	<u>UPU-DC</u>	<u>EURB</u>	<u>UPU-DC</u>	<u>EURB</u>
	(5)=(3)/(1)	(6)=(4)/(1)	(7)=(3)/(2)	(8)=(4)/(2)
16				
32				
48				
62				

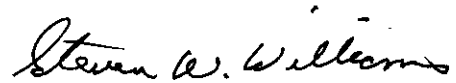
3. Please provide comments on the rate-cost relationships shown in the preceding tables. For the current rates that apply to Surface Printed Matter, former ROW rates have been deaveraged into three groups with one group basically for Europe, another group for Australia, Japan, and New Zealand, and another group for UPU developing countries. Comments should address the benefits of deaveraging publishers' rates by the two terminal dues regimes above, and other considerations deemed important by the Postal Service.
4. For the three rate groups referenced in Question 3, please identify the terminal dues regime, and the specific terminal dues, that currently apply to each rate group.

It is ordered:

The Postal Service is to provide the items in the body of this order on or before June 4, 2001.

By the Commission.

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Steven W. Williams  
Acting Secretary