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Docket No. R2001-1

INTERROGATORIES OF THE RECORDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA TO USPS WITNESS MOELLER (RIAA/USPS-T-32-1-3)

Pursuant to Sections 25 and 26 of the rules of practice, the Recording Industry Association of America submits the attached interrogatories to USPS witness Moeller: RIAA/USPS-T-32-1-3.

Respectfully submitted,

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RIAA/USPS-T32-1. Page N of your WP1 indicates (at n.2) that 4.683 percent of TYBR Volume Nonletters will be subject to the residual shape surcharge. Please display the numbers from USPS LR-J-98 G5,p.1 and G6,p.1 you employ to derive this number.

RIAA/USPS-T32-2. Your WP1 from R2000-1 shows (at page 14 n.2) that the number in that proceeding comparable to the 4.683% discussed above to have been 5.90% and assumed that the after rate percentage would be the same. Does the difference between the R2000-1 estimation of "% residual shape" and the R2001-1 estimation of that percentage imply that the assumption that there would be no change in the percentage between before rates and after rates was in error?

- (a) If so, why do you continue to employ the same assumption in this case?
- (b) If not, please fully explain why not.

RIAA/USPS-T32-3. Does the 4.683% number reflect any effect on volume consequent to the implementation of the increase in the surcharge in January of this year?

- 1. If not, does this fact suggest that the 4.683% estimation overstates the volume of mail that will be subject to the residual shape surcharge in the test year?
- 2. If not, please fully explain why not.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record to date in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

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