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

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VAL-PAK DIRECT MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC.
AND VAL-PAK DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
FOURTH INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR
PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS LARAINE B. HOPE (VP/USPS-T31-25-31)
(October 19, 2001)

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Postal Rate Commission rules of practice, Val-Pak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Val-Pak Dealers' Association, Inc. hereby submit interrogatories and document production requests. If necessary, please redirect any interrogatory and/or request to a more appropriate Postal Service witness.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **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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October 19, 2001

## **VP/USPS-T31-25.**

Please refer to USPS-LR-J-131, WP1, page H, tab COST. For the mail processing unit costs shown there, have you or the Postal Service computed a breakdown of the mail processing unit cost by different entry points such as BMC, SCF, and DDU? If so, please provide those data and indicate how they were derived.

#### **VP/USPS-T31-26.**

Please refer to USPS-LR-J-131, WP1, pages P and W, TYAR VOL and TYAR VOL CAT, respectively. For ECR pound-rated nonletters, page P shows total TYAR pounds equal to 3,010.225 (column F, row 53) and page W shows total TYAR pounds equal to 3,074.348 (column F, row 22). Please explain the difference between the total TYAR pounds for ECR pound-rated nonletters, and indicate which of the two figures is the final, correct figure.

#### **VP/USPS-T31-27.**

Please refer to USPS-LR-J-131, WP1, page H, tab COST.

- a. The reference for the data found in column 1 is indicated simply as "USPS-T-43 and USPS-LR-J-59." With respect to this testimony and library reference, please provide precise references (e.g., page number and, if to a spreadsheet, cell references) indicating where the data in column 1 can be found.
- b. The reference for the data found in column 2 is indicated simply as "USPS-LR-J-59." Please provide a precise reference (e.g., page number and, if to a

spreadsheet, cell references) indicating where the data in column 2 can be found.

## **VP/USPS-T31-28.**

Please refer to USPS-LR-J-131, WP1, page F, tab TYBR SUM, spreadsheet column C, row 8. What is the source of the NECR revenues shown in the indicated cell?

## VP/USPS-T31-29.

Please refer to USPS-LR-J-131, WP1, page G, tab DROP DIS. For footnote (1), please provide a precise reference to USPS-LR-J-68 (e.g., page number and, if to a spreadsheet, cell references).

#### **VP/USPS-T31-30.**

Please refer to USPS-LR-J-131, WP1, page R, tab FIN SUM, spreadsheet column B, row 10. What is the source of the NECR revenues shown in the indicated cell?

#### **VP/USPS-T32-31.**

- a. For Base Year 2000 or FY 2001 to date, does the Postal Service have any performance data for Standard ECR Mail?
- b. If your answer to part a is anything other than an unqualified negative, please provide copies of all available data.

c. If your answer to part a is that no data are available, when does the Postal

Service expect to implement data gathering that will produce performance data

for Standard ECR Mail?