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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

VAL-PAK DIRECT MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC.
AND VAL-PAK DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
SECOND INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR
PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS WILLIAM P. TAYMAN, JR. (VP/USPS-T6-8-10)
(October 24, 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.

John S. Miles

October 24, 2001

### VP/USPS-T6-8.

At a hearing held on September 20, 2001 by the Senate Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services, Postmaster General John E. Potter stated, in response to a question by Chairman Daniel K. Akaka, that the Postal Service had sent a request for \$50 million due to the destruction of the Church Street Station in New York City on September 11, 2001.

- a. To whom was this request sent?
- b. Please provide the status of this request, including any responses to this request received from the White House Office of Management and Budget and/or from Congressional committees, as well as from other government entities.
- c. Have any other funds been sought in wake of the events of September 11, 2001?If so, please explain.

#### VP/USPS-T6-9.

At the open meeting of the Board of Governors held on October 2, 2001, Vice Chairman S. David Fineman commented that Congress should be asked to pay the Postal Service what it owes. It appears that about \$957 million is owed, and \$29 million per year is being received by the Postal Service without interest.

- a. Please indicate whether any action has been taken on Vice Chairman Fineman's suggestion, and, if so, please describe the status of such action.
- Please discuss any responses regarding this matter received from the Office of
   Management and Budget and/or from Congressional committees.

### VP/USPS-T6-10.

On October 22, 2001, the Associated Press reported that Postmaster General John E. Potter indicated, in an appearance on NBC's "Today" show, that the Postal Service will seek financial assistance from Congress to help it deal with added costs and reduced mail volume resulting from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare.

- a. Please indicate whether such financial assistance has been requested, or when such financial assistance would be requested.
- Please discuss the financial assistance request, including the amount and details
   of such request and how such funds are to be used by the Postal Service.
- Please discuss any responses regarding this matter received from the Office of
   Management and Budget and/or from Congressional committees.