

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

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF ASSOCIATION FOR POSTAL COMMERCE  
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS KIEFER  
(POSTCOM/USPS-T33-3)

The United States Postal Service hereby files its response to the following  
interrogatory of the Association for Postal Commerce: POSTCOM/USPS-T33-3, filed  
on October 11, 2001, and redirected from witness Kiefer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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TO INTEROGATORIES OF ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL COMMERCE  
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS KIEFER**

**POSTCOM/USPS-T33-3.** Please refer to BPM-WP-3. Please describe the original source of the FY 2000 billing determinant data shown on this workpaper. For example, are the billing determinants derived directly from mailing statements or do they come from the Domestic RPW system?

**RESPONSE:**

In developing billing determinants for all classes and subclasses of mail, information is obtained from all available and relevant sources of the most timely data. Depending on the particular circumstances, these sources may include the Domestic RPW sampling system, the Electronic Marketing Reporting System, the PERMIT system which obtains data from mailing statements, special surveys, mailer manifests, and other postal data systems such as support the Address Management System, the Computerized Forwarding System, and other sources of data. The information thus obtained is combined appropriately to develop the full picture of the distribution of volume to weight

## **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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