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

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POSTAL PARE COMPAGNION

Docket No.º R2001 +1C SECRETARY

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS TOLLEY TO POSTCOM INTERROGATORY POSTCOM/USPS -T7-1 (November 13, 2001)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Tolley to the following interrogatories of PostCom: Postcom/USPS-T7-1, filed on October 29, 2001. Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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<u>POSTCOM/USPS-T7-1.</u> Please refer to sections II.C.1.a-b of your testimony where you discuss the own-price and cross-price elasticities of the volume of single-piece letters. Please further refer to sections II.D.1.a-b of your testimony where you discuss the own-price and cross-price elasticities of the volume of workshare letters.

- (a) Please confirm that these are the only two cases where USPS testimony in R2001-1 provides own-price or cross-price elasticities for mail volumes below the subclass level. If not confirmed, please explain fully.
- (b) Has the Postal Service or its contractors conducted analyses of the own-price or cross-price elasticities for mail volumes below the subclass level for any subclasses of mail other than the subclass(es) referred to in your answer to section (a)? If so, please provide a copy of each such analysis.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Separate price elasticities are also provided for stamped and private cards in my testimony at sections II.E.3.a. and II.F.3.a-b.
- (b) In this case, separate equations for destination entry and non-destination entry parcel post were analyzed, but ultimately not used in making volume forecasts. These equations can be found in USPS-LR-J-129 at pages 436 and 453 through 460.

In past cases, separate equations for single-piece and workshared private First-Class cards have also been analyzed but not used. See, for example, in Docket No. R97-1, USPS-T-7, Workpaper 3, pages 180 - 228.

DECLARATION

I, George Tolley, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

(Signed)

(Date)

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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