BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268B0001

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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS KOROMA TO INTERROGATORIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE (OCA/USPS--T37-9)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Koroma to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T37-9, filed on November 9, 2001

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

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS KOROMA (USPS-T-37) TO INTERROGATORY OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

OCA/USPS-T37-9. The following interrogatory refers to your response to OCA/USPS-T37-4. Since the current maximum money order denomination is \$700.00, please explain how 22 money orders with a total value of \$16,542.14 were sold in denominations greater than \$700.00.

RESPONSE:

The 22 money orders identified in the attachment to OCA/USPS-T37-4 were erroneously issued for amounts in excess of \$700.

I have been informed that the process for issuing APO/FPO money orders at small units or on smaller vessels is primarily a manual process performed by a member of the unit as an ancillary duty. Infrequently, APO/FPO money orders are issued for amounts in excess of \$700. When a money order issued for an amount in excess of \$700 is presented to the St. Louis Money Order Processing Center, the staff will verify the amount of the money order against the APO/FPO issuance report to ensure that funds in the amount of the money order were collected. The money order is then paid.

Considering the manual nature of the process, the issuance error rate of .003 (22/629,431) percent, with the corresponding loss of \$5.50 of fees, does not appear excessive.

DECLARATION

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

SAMUEL J. KOROMA

Dated: NOVEMBER 20, 2001

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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