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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MOELLER TO INTERROGATORY OF DIRECT MARKETING ASSOCIATION (DMA/USPS-T28-3)

The United States Postal Service hereby files the response of witness

Moeller to the following interrogatory of Direct Marketing Association, that was

filed on November 7, 2001: DMA/USPS-T28-3.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DMA/USPS-T28-3. On page 14 of your testimony in your discussion of the cost coverage for First-Class Mail Letters and Sealed Parcels, you state that "[a]t first blush, this cost coverage is higher than many traditional measures." By this statement, do you mean that the cost coverage for First-Class Mail Letters and Sealed Parcels as proposed by the Postal Service in this proceeding is higher than has been proposed by the Postal Service and approved by the Commission in omnibus rate proceedings in the recent past? If your answer is other than an unqualified "yes," please define what you mean by "traditional measures" and provide any data that supports your statement.

RESPONSE:

Yes. The numerical figure itself is higher than those proposed or recommended

in recent omnibus rate proceedings.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice, I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in Docket No. R2001-1.

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