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Docket No. R2001-1

INTERROGATORIES OF AOL TIME WARNER INC.
TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (AOL-TW/USPS-33-34)
(November 28, 2001)

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice, AOL Time Warner Inc. (AOL Time Warner) directs the following interrogatories to the United States Postal Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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SEVENTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

AOL-TW/USPS-33 Please refer to the policy, described in your response to AOL-TW/USPS-28, of routinely flying certain Periodicals from Seattle to Anchorage...

- a. Was the establishment and continuation of this policy for more than twenty years based on a decision made at USPS headquarters, or was it a regional or local decision? Please explain fully.
- b. In establishing and maintaining this policy for more than 20 years, was any consideration given to the fact that some weekly Periodicals all along have been paying for their own air transportation to Alaska? Please explain fully.
- c. Has the desirability of maintaining such a policy been discussed with representatives of the Periodicals industry? If yes, what was the outcome of those discussions?
- d. Has the desirability of maintaining such a policy been discussed with representatives of the Periodicals involved? If yes, what was the outcome of those discussions?

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- a. Is water transport the normal mode of surface transportation used by the Postal Service between Seattle and Anchorage? If no, please explain what mode of surface transport is normally used.
- b. What is the average per pound and per pound-mile cost of transporting Periodicals by boat?

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with sections 12, 25(a), and 26(a) of the Rules of Practice.

Timothy L. Keegan

November 28, 2001