

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

OBJECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY DBP/USPS-82(B) & (C)

The United States Postal Service hereby objects to interrogatory DBP/USPS-82(b) and (c), filed on November 26, 2001. That interrogatory asks:

DBP/USPS-82 The November 2001 issue of MailersCompanion issued by the Postal Service states on the headline on the front cover, "Rates and Fees Will Not Increase Before September 2002". [a] Is this still the current belief of the Postal Service? [b] If not and an earlier implementation date is utilized, what reaction do you believe the readers of that publication will have? [c] Please describe the audience of MailersCompanion.

The Postal Service is responding to part (a), but objects to the remaining parts. Speculation concerning the reaction of readers of Postal Service news releases and the makeup of those readers is simply not relevant to the determination of rates, fees and classifications that is before the Commission in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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