

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

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

**MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES  
POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF VAL-PAK DIRECT  
MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC. AND VAL-PAK DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(VP/USPS-T31—42(A & C))**

The United States Postal Service respectfully requests that its response to interrogatory VP/USPS—T31—42(a & c), redirected from witness Hope, be accepted six business days out of time. The delay was caused by the undersigned counsel's mistaken impression that the response had been redirected to witness Kingsley. To the contrary, the response had been redirected to the Postal Service, and thus was not timely filed on December 10. The Postal Service regrets the delay, but does not believe that any participant is prejudiced. The undersigned counsel will send the response via electronic mail to counsel for Val-Pak so as to further minimize any disruption.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

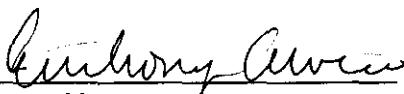
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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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