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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. R2001-1/54

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2001-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
ADMITTING MATERIALS INTO EVIDENCE AND  
CLOSING THE EVIDENTIARY RECORD

(Issued February 28, 2002)

Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2001-1/36 announced that the Commission would proceed with consideration of the proposed stipulation and agreement submitted by the Postal Service on December 17, 2001, as revised. The proposed stipulation and agreement provides, at II. 3., that the signatories stipulate "that the Request, the attachments thereto (as revised), and the accompanying testimony and exhibits, to whatever extent not entered into evidence during hearings, be entered into evidence . . ." This provision shall be accepted, and these materials will be admitted into evidence for the limited purpose of evaluating the proposed stipulation and agreement. Consistent with Commission practice, these materials will not be transcribed.

Today designated materials have been provided to the reporter for incorporation into the evidentiary record. Included in this package is the Postal Service response to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 10, due February 27, 2002 and received today. With the resolution of motions for designation, the only outstanding procedural matters are requests to correct the transcript. The evidentiary record will be closed subject to pending and additional requests for transcript correction filed by March 4, 2002.

RULING

1. The Postal Service Request in this case, the attachments thereto (as revised), and the accompanying testimony and exhibits, to whatever extent not entered into evidence during hearings, are received into evidence for the limited purpose of evaluation of the proposed stipulation and agreement.
2. The Motion of Major Mailers Association to Accept Late Filed Workpaper and Notice, filed February 21, 2002, is granted.
3. The evidentiary record is closed, subject to transcript corrections filed by March 4, 2002.

  
George Omas  
Presiding Officer