

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

EXPERIMENTAL PERIODICALS
CO-PALLETIZATION DROPSHIP
DISCOUNTS, 2002

Docket No. MC2002-3

SECOND SETTLEMENT STATUS REPORT
OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(November 22, 2002)

Since the last status report (on November 8, 2002), the Postal Service completed discussions with participants about the data collection plan, and yesterday filed a revised response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, Question 1. That revised response included an updated data collection plan. The Postal Service believes that it has made continued progress toward settlement. While the position of one participant is still under discussion, support for settlement is nearly unanimous.

Given the general interest in settlement, the Postal Service is also today filing a motion requesting the scheduling of the next steps in the case. The Stipulation and Agreement appended to that motion is available for signature.

The Postal Service will report again, if needed, by December 9, 2002.

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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