

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

Customized Market Mail

Docket No. MC2003-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ON
EVIDENTIARY RECORD AND CLOSING THE RECORD

(Issued May 30, 2003)

On April 30, 2003, the Postal Service filed a Stipulation and Agreement (settlement) on behalf of itself and other signatories in resolution of all issues in this proceeding. Paragraph 2 of Part II of the settlement identifies the material that the signatories agree provides substantial record evidence supporting and justifying a Recommended Decision on changes to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule and related rate schedules 321A and 323A. This material includes: the Request and attachments thereto; the direct testimony of Postal Service witnesses Ashe (USPS-T-1) and Hope (USPS-T-2) and documents incorporated therein; and written cross-examination, as revised and supplemented, designated prior to the closing of the record.

Declarations; designated interrogatory responses. Participants have been provided with an opportunity to designate evidence for inclusion in the record in this proceeding. P.O. Ruling No. MC2003-1/1 (April 23, 2003). The following interrogatory responses, which appear in Volume 2 of the transcript, were designated:

Witness

Designation

Ashe

DBP/USPS-T1-1 through DBP/USPS-7;
OCA/USPS-T1-2 through OCA/USPS-7;
OCA/USPS-T1-9 through OCA/USPS-T1-12;
OCA/USPS-T1-14 through OCA/USPS-T1-28;
and OCA/USPS-T1-30.

Hope

OCA/USPS-T2-1;
OCA/USPS-T1-1 (redirected);
OCA/USPS-T1-8 (redirected);
OCA/USPS-T1-13 (redirected); and
OCA/USPS-T1-29 (redirected).

On May 1, the Postal Service filed signed declarations executed by each witness supporting their designated direct testimony and designated interrogatory responses. These declarations will be made part of the evidentiary record, but will not be transcribed.

Record material. The following material is hereby entered into the record:

Docket No. MC2003-1 Request of the United States Postal Service for a Recommended Decision on Customized Market Mail Minor Classification Changes and attachments thereto;

Direct Testimony of Christopher C. Ashe (USPS-T1) and documents incorporated therein;

Direct Testimony of Laraine B. Hope (USPS-T2) and documents incorporated therein;

Designated interrogatory responses identified above; and

Signed Declarations of witnesses and Ashe and Hope.

The aforementioned material is hereby entered into the evidentiary record and the evidentiary record in this proceeding is closed.

RULING

1. The material identified in the body of this Ruling is entered into the evidentiary record in this proceeding.
2. The evidentiary record in Docket No. MC2003-1 is closed.

George Omas
Presiding Officer