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

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NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OF FILING OF ADDITIONAL RESPONSE FOR LIBRARY REFERENCE H-181

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is filing today an additional response for inclusion in USPS Library Reference H–181, Responses Concerning Unusual Observations in HCSS Data Set. A copy of that response is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

Daniel J. Foucheaux, Jr. Chief Counsel, Ratemaking

Susan M. Duchek

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.

Susan M. Duchek

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FINANCE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE June 5, 1997 Charles J. Olesky Western Area

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SUBJECT: HCSS Data

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in preparation for the parcel reclassification case, we conducted a transportation cost analysis using an extract of HCSS data from FY 1995. In performing the analysis, we observed a few highway contracts with atypical characteristics, such as extremely small or large annual cost, mileage, cost per mile, or cost per cubic foot-mile.

Enclosed is a list of all such HCRIDs from your area (listed by HCRID), and the relevant data associated with each HCRID. We must prepare for testimony and answer cross examination on these data. We thus ask that you provide either one of the following for each of the contracts listed: 2

- (1) A verification that the data are accurate and an explanation for the unusual nature of the contract if the numbers are correct; or
- (2) The correct numbers or data, so that any errors in the listings can be corrected.

We realize that the extract was taken almost two years ago, and that changes may have occurred in the contract, but any information, such as additional data from HCSS, recollections of your staff. current HCSS specifications for the contract, or any documentation that the contract was actually paid at the amount listed, would be helpful in either verifying or correcting the data we have.

Please refer any questions to John Stanmeyer at (703)741-2477 and return the information via mail or fax to.

Price Waterhouse Attn: John Stanmeyer 1616 N. Fort Myer Dr. Arlington, VA 22209-3100 FAX: (703)741-1903

Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation

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Jeff L. Colvin, Manager

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