

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS NEEDHAM TO INTERROGATORY OF
NASHUA PHOTO INC., DISTRICT PHOTO INC., MYSTIC COLOR LAB, AND
SEATTLE FILMWORKS, INC.
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS FRONK
(NDMS/USPS-T32-32)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Needham to the following interrogatory of Nashua Photo Inc., District Photo Inc., Mystic Color Lab, and Seattle Filmworks, Inc.: NDMS/USPS-T32-32, filed on August 29, 1997, and redirected from witness Fronk.


The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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NDMS/USPS-T32-32.

Why does the Postal Service offer the BRMAS rate for BRM destinating at facilities where it knows that such BRM will not be processed on automated BRMAS equipment?

RESPONSE:

If an established BRMAS mailer has fulfilled the preparation requirements for BRMAS mail, the Postal Service will accept this mail and assess the BRMAS fee. This reflects a policy decision, consistent with the treatment of the BRMAS fee in prior Commission proceedings and recommended decisions, which based the BRMAS fee on an average cost for manual and automated processing of BRMAS-qualified mail.

DECLARATION

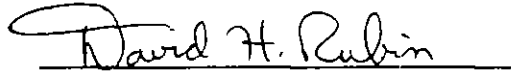
I, Susan W. Needham, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Susan W Needham

Dated: September 12, 1997

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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