

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R97-1

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF WITNESSES  
FOR HEARINGS  
(September 17, 1997)**

In accord with the procedural schedule, the Postal Service hereby provides the following information regarding dates on which its witnesses will be available for hearings:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Witness</i>	<i>Dates</i>
1	Pafford	Not available October 6.
2	Nieto	Available all dates.
3	Harahush	Available all dates.
4	Moden	Not available Oct. 6-10, 15 (afternoon), 16, and 22.
5	Alexandrovich	Due to other commitments, witness Alexandrovich will not be available October 13 through October 17.
6	Tolley	Due to teaching and other commitments, Dr. Tolley will be unavailable on Oct. 6-10, 16-17. He will be available Oct. 14-15, and 20, but would prefer Oct. 21 or 22.
7	Thress	Available all dates
8	Musgrave	Due to other commitments, Dr. Musgrave will not be available October 10 through October 22
9	Tayman	Not available Oct. 6-10, 17.
10	Macdonald	Not available Oct. 6, 10 (afternoon).

11	Panzar	Due to teaching commitments, Dr. Panzar will be unavailable on Oct. 6, 8, 15, 17, 20, and 22.
12	Degen	Available all dates
13,14	Bradley	Due to teaching and other commitments, Dr. Bradley will not be available the mornings of October 8, 10, 15 and 17, and the entire days of October 21-22. Dr. Bradley would prefer that there be a break of 2 or 3 days between his appearances on his two testimonies.
15	Patelunas	Available all dates.
16,25	Hatfield	Available all dates.
17	Baron	Available all dates.
18	Hume	Available all dates.
19	Nelson	Available all dates.
20	Wade	Dr. Wade will be available all dates except Oct. 10.
21	Brehm	Available all dates except October 6 and the afternoon of October 10.
22	Treworgy	Not available Oct. 6-10, 20, 21.
23	Miller	Available all dates.
24	Lion	Not available October 6 through 10.
26	Seckar	Available all dates except October 6, 10, and 13.
27	Schenk	Available all dates.
28	Crum	Not available Oct. 6, 10 (afternoon), 14-17
29	Daniel	Available all dates.
30	O'Hara	Available all dates except October 14 through 17.

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| 31 | Bernstein | Due to teaching commitments, Mr. Bernstein is unavailable on Oct. 8-9 and 15-16.   |
| 32 | Fronk     | Available all dates.   |
| 33 | Sharkey   | Available all dates except for the 17th.   |
| 34 | Taufique  | Available all dates except October 6, and the afternoons of October 9, 10, and 17  |
| 35 | Kaneer    | Available all dates  |
| 36 | Moeller   | Available all dates except Oct. 16-17  |
| 37 | Mayes     | Not available Oct. 6, 10 (afternoon)   |
| 38 | Adra      | Not available Oct. 6-8, 10 (afternoon)   |
| 39 | Needham   | Available all dates except October 6 and the afternoon of October 10.  |
| 40 | Plunkett  | Available all dates except October 6 and the afternoon of October 10.  |
| 41 | Takis     | Available all dates  |
| 42 | Currie    | Due to important and unalterable business commitments, this witness is available only during the first week of hearings, October 6 through 10, should any oral cross-examination be requested. |

With respect to the request of Mr. Popkin to have witnesses Needham, Plunkett, and (to a lesser extent) Sharkey scheduled for October 6, 7, or 8, the Postal Service is concerned that this early an appearance for these witnesses would not allow enough time for written cross-examination to be completed, given the large number of questions that Mr. Popkin posed last week that appear to be on topics that may relate to their testimonies. In addition, witnesses Needham and Plunkett will not be

available on October 6.

The Postal Service opposes Mr. Popkin's request to conduct cross-examination on some Postal Service witnesses by a telephone connection. Such a change in the nature of the hearings need to be considered carefully outside of a Commission proceeding, rather than just tried out in this omnibus rate case.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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