

DOCKET SECTION

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. R97-1/27

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING REQUIRING THE CORRECTION OF PREFILED TESTIMONY

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The Commission will receive into evidence the direct testimony and exhibits of Postal Service witnesses beginning October 6, 1997. Since this testimony and exhibits were first filed, on July 10, 1997, numerous refinements and corrections to both testimony and underlying supporting materials have been identified by various witnesses. Some of these changes may directly or indirectly impact on the testimony of more than one witness.


The process of identifying and correcting flaws in testimony and exhibits will continue throughout this case, however the majority of changes should have been made by October 1, the final date for answers to initial discovery requests concerning the direct case of the Postal Service.

The Postal Service testimony and exhibits offered into evidence should incorporate, to the maximum extent possible, all corrections and refinements identified by Postal Service witnesses on or before October 1, 1997. If a witness sponsoring testimony has relied on studies or analyses performed by one or more other Postal Service witnesses, the sponsoring witness or their counsel will be expected to have

contacted those other Postal Service witnesses to assure all changes necessary to reflect updates in underlying data or assumptions have been made. Similarly, known corrections to library references or other Postal Service data sources should be reflected in testimony and exhibits offered into evidence. If all appropriate corrections can not be incorporated, witnesses should identify what changes have not been made, and explain why they were not made.

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Testimony and exhibits offered into evidence shall incorporate known corrections to analyses and data sources.


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Presiding Officer