

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

**Postal Rate and Fee Changes – 2005)**

**Docket No. R2005-1**

**ANSWER OF THE McGRAW-HILL COMPANIES IN  
SUPPORT OF POSTAL SERVICE REQUEST FOR EXPEDITION**

**(April 11, 2005)**

Pursuant to Section 21 of the Commission's rules of practice, The McGraw-Hill Companies (McGraw-Hill) hereby answers in support of the United States Postal Service's April 8, 2005 request in "United States Postal Service Request for Expedition and Early Consideration of Procedures Facilitating Settlement Efforts."

McGraw-Hill agrees with the Postal Service's assessment that the rate filing should be sufficiently acceptable to the vast majority of parties to justify satisfactory settlement offers and a truncated procedural schedule. The Postal Service has used numerous venues and various means to provide mailers with informal notice of its intent to file this rate case, in addition to the broad outlines of the filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify I have this day served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Commission's rules of practice (39 C.F.R. 3001.12).

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