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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS BARON TO INTERROGATORY OF  
MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA  
(MPA/USPS-T17-13)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Baron to the following interrogatory of Magazine Publishers of America: MPA/USPS-T17-13, filed on September 17, 1997.

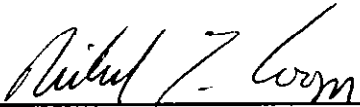
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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OF MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA (REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS  
BARON)

MPA/USPS-T17-13. Please refer to your response to MPA/USPS-T17-11.

- a. When was the last time that the Postal Service comprehensively revised all route evaluation factors?
- b. Please provide the average number of hours worked (determined from the route evaluation factors) per rural carrier by route type individually for each of the past ten years.

Response:

- a. Rural standards were adopted in 1954. The Postal Manual published on July 1, 1954 contained these standards. Significant revisions to the rural time standards and the introduction of some new standards was announced on July 6, 1964.
- b. The Postal Service does not have this information to this level of detail.

### DECLARATION

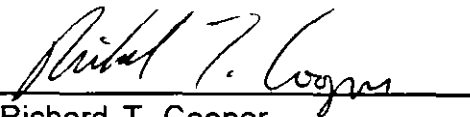
I, Donald M. Baron, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Donald M. Baron

Dated: 10-1-97

## 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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