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

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Docket No. R97-1

**REVISED RESPONSE OF
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS HATFIELD
TO INTERROGATORY OF MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION
(MMA/USPS-T25-2)**

On August 27, 1997, the United States Postal Service filed the response of witness Hatfield to the following interrogatory of Major Mailers Association: MMA/USPS-T25-2.

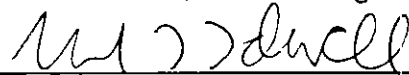
That response has been revised. The attached revised response supersedes the original response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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INTERROGATORIES OF MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION

MMA/USPS-T25-2. On page 5 of USPS-T-25, you note that the "models yield an average mail processing cost per piece for the average letter in each different rate category".

(A) What is the weight of an "average" letter for each category which the costs of your models reflect?

(B) For these "average" letters, how many weigh under one ounce, between one and two ounces, and between two and three ounces?

RESPONSE:

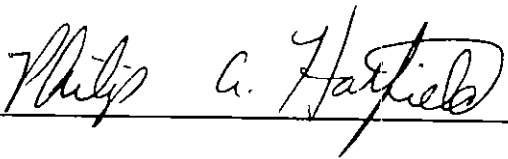
(A) The weight of average presorted First-Class Mail letters by rate category is not available in the test year. However, this data is available for the base year:

Nonautomation presort:	0.60 ounces
Automation basic:	0.58 ounces
Automation 3-digit:	0.61 ounces
Automation 5-digit:	0.63 ounces
Carrier route:	0.63 ounces

(B) Please see the attachment to NDMS/USPS-T32-47.

DECLARATION

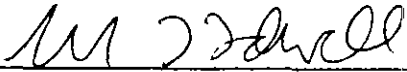
I, Philip A. Hatfield, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Dated: 10.2-97

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date 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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