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BEFORE THE
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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
Docket No. R97-1
THE SECRETARY

MOTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ADVANCE SLIGHTLY WITNESS NELSON'S SCHEDULED APPEARANCE (October 2, 1997)

Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/22 (September 18, 1997) established the schedule for oral cross-examination of witnesses presenting the direct case of the United States Postal Service. Under that order, Postal Service witness Nelson is currently scheduled as the fifth witness to take the stand on Wednesday, October 8, 1997. In order to accommodate important family obligations of the witness, the Postal Service moves that Mr. Nelson be allowed to appear as the first witness to be cross-examined on that date. Given that relatively little written cross-examination has been directed to this witness, and that few parties have indicated an intention to cross-examine this witness to any extent, the Postal Service believes that this minor change in the hearing schedule will not disadvantage any party. Furthermore, undersigned counsel has contacted all parties from whom the Postal Service has received a notice of intent to cross-examine witness Nelson, and no such party has expressed opposition to this change.¹

¹ The parties contacted were the American Bankers Association, the Edison Electrical Institute, the National Association of Presort Mailers, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, the Direct Marketing Association, and the Newspaper Association of America.

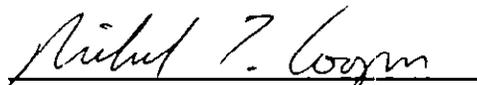
For the foregoing reasons, the Postal Service moves that witness Nelson be allowed to appear as the first witness to be examined on October 8, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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