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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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE REGARDING AVAILABILITY FOR HEARINGS

United States Postal Service Response to Presiding Officers Ruling No. R97-1/42, filed October 14, 1997, provided a list of library references and proposed witnesses requested by the Presiding Officer in Ruling No. R97-1/42. During hearings on October 16, 1997, the Presiding Officer requested a statement as to the availability of these persons for appearance at hearings on October 23 and 24. The following indicates that availability.

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Charles Crum	Oct. 23, 24
Marc Smith	Oct. 23, 24
Donald Baron	Oct. 23, 24
Michael Nelson	Oct. 24 <sup>1</sup>
Paul Seckar	Oct. 23
Phillip Hatfield	Oct. 23, 24
Carl Degan	Oct. 23, 24
Sharon Daniel	Oct. 23 <sup>2</sup>
Michael McGrane	Oct. 23 <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Appearance by Mr. Nelson on October 24 would be possible if necessary. Because of personal commitments, however, appearance the following week would be preferred.

<sup>2</sup> Previously scheduled.

<sup>3</sup> Previously scheduled.

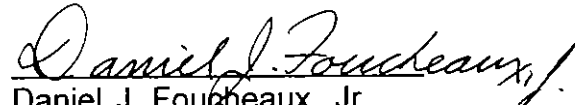
The Postal Service's response of October 14 also listed several other library references and potential witnesses. With regard to these, the following indicates availability on the same dates.

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Dates</u>
William Takis	23, 24 <sup>4</sup>
Paul M. Lion	23, 24
David Treworgy	23 (afternoon), 24
Donald Baron	23, 24
Dan Talmo	October 29

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorney:

  
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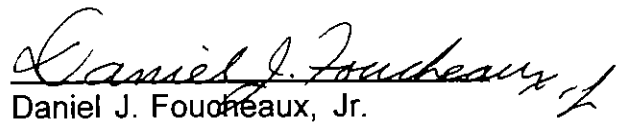
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<sup>4</sup> Mr. Takis currently has other commitments on these dates, but can be available if needed.

**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.

  
Daniel J. Fouchaux, Jr.

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