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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING LIBRARY REFERENCES ALREADY IN EVIDENCE (November 12, 1997)

In accordance with Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/54, the United States Postal Service, in a separate filing, is indicating "the availability of the witnesses sponsoring additional direct evidence" during the period set by the Presiding Officer for receipt of "supplemental testimony" from the Postal Service and "to allow cross-examination concerning the[] 49 items" listed by the Postal Service in its Response to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/42, filed on October 14. The Postal Service notes that the 49 items it listed included both library references that had already been adopted by witnesses as their testimony as well as library references which had not already been introduced into evidence. To be comprehensive, this list was broader than the request of the Presiding Officer for "a list of those library references it has announced the intention of offering as evidence" and included library references already accepted into evidence without objection.¹

The 49 items now fall into two general categories: Library references which were entered into evidence as the testimony of existing witnesses at or before the witnesses' appearance for cross-examination; and library references which are to be

¹ In fact, in the case of witness Crum, the substance of Library Reference H-108 had, previous to hearings, been incorporated into his testimony as Exhibit K, and accepted into evidence, without objection, as part of his direct testimony. Tr. 5/2170, 2318.

entered into evidence as the supplemental testimonies of existing or additional witnesses. The witnesses in the former category, who are not filing supplemental testimony, are Crum, Hatfield, Nelson, and Seckar.

For the convenience of the Commission, and for the sake of completeness, the Postal Service has provided information regarding the availability of witnesses in both categories. The Postal Service, however, does not interpret Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/54 to require the further appearance of the four witnesses named above, inasmuch as they are not sponsoring supplemental testimony needing to be received at hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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