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

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**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R97-1/75
(December 4, 1997)**

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it believes that witness Degen will be able to respond to the questions attached to Presiding Officer's Ruling Rescheduling Appearance of Postal Service Witness, Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/75, and to reasonable follow-up questions or other questions of this nature. The Postal Service is not clear whether Ruling No. R97-1/75 contemplates that it request cancellation of the December 11, 1997 hearing now, or whether the Presiding Officer would prefer to have the Postal Service make the request at the conclusion of witness Degen's appearance on December 10, 1997.

The Postal Service accordingly requests cancellation now, but certainly is willing to defer until the conclusion of witness Degen's appearance, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

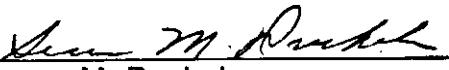
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Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

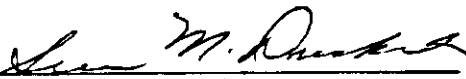
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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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