

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

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Docket No. R97-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OF FILING COMPELLED RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES OF
THE ALLIANCE OF NONPROFIT MAILERS
(ANM/USPS-23-24)

Pursuant to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/86, the United States Postal Service hereby provides responses to the following interrogatories of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers: ANM/USPS-23-24, filed on December 9, 1997.

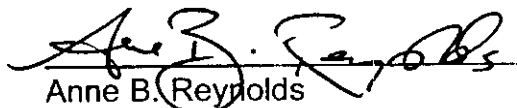
Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANM/USPS-22. Please produce all Postal Service rules, regulations, operations manuals, handbooks and similar documents in effect during any part of the period from May 5, 1995 through March 8, 1997, which dealt with any of the following topics:

- (a) The accounting treatment (in RPW data and elsewhere) of mail bearing Standard A (or third-class) nonprofit indicia, but entered at commercial rates;
- (b) The accounting treatment (in RPW data and elsewhere) of mail bearing Standard A (or third-class) nonprofit indicia, but later giving rise to a payment of back postage on the ground that the mail was ineligible for nonprofit rates.

RESPONSE: Library References H-55, CODES RPW Data Entry User's Guide, and H-72, Permit System User Guide, contain instructions on recording Standard A mail. These materials, however, do not specifically address the conditions described in (a) and (b), above.


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ANM/USPS-23. *With respect to all IOCS tallies used in this rate case, what instructions were given to IOCS tally takers concerning the classification of a mail piece that bore Standard A nonprofit indicia but was in fact entered at another rate? If the instructions were other than to record the piece as Standard A nonprofit mail, please produce documents setting forth the instructions in full.*

RESPONSE: IOCS data collectors are instructed to record the postage, indicia, markings and endorsements from the mailpiece. A piece bearing Standard A Nonprofit indicia and endorsements should be recorded in IOCS as Standard A Nonprofit.

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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