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Docket No. R97-1

ASSOCIATION OF ALTERNATE POSTAL SYSTEMS INTERROGATORIES TO ValPak/CAROL WRIGHT WITNESS JOHN HALDI (AAPS/VP/CW-T1-1-2) (January 27, 1998)

Pursuant to the rules applicable to this proceeding, the Association of Alternate Postal Systems directs the following interrogatories to ValPak/Carol Wright witness Haldi: AAPS/VP/CW-T1-1-2.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document on all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

January 27, 1998

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AAPS/VP/CW-T1-1. At page 33, line 18, through page 34, line 2, you testify that because there are substantial alternatives available to standard A ECR MAIL, the Postal Reorganization Act would support a lower cost coverage.

- (a) Would it therefore also be your opinion that where there are few alternatives, or no alternatives, this rate standard would support a higher cost coverage?
- (b) Please identify the most important authorities that support your interpretation of Section 3622(b)(5).

AAPS/VP/CW-T1-2. Given your testimony at page 16 that the Postal Service has "failed to present any reliable evidence" on the issue of which ECR costs are pound-related and which are piece-related, and your testimony at page 52 that the weight-cost relationship "is not known with any degree of certainty," please explain in greater detail why you have decided to "adopt the Postal Service's proposed rate of \$0.53 per pound" rather than adopting the pound rate last approved by the Postal Rate Commission. In this answer, please explain how it is "conservative," as you state at page D-11, to adopt Witness Moller's proposed pound rates rather than those last approved by the Commission.