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

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Docket No. R97-1

PARTIAL OBJECTION OF THE McGRAW-HILL COMPANIES TO INTERROGATORIES USPS/MH-1-34 AND MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF OBJECTION AND EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE (February 3, 1998)

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Pursuant to sections 25(c) and 26(c) of the rules of practice, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("McGraw-Hill") hereby objects to interrogatories USPS/MH-1-34, propounded January 22, 1998, on grounds that it would be unduly burdensome for McGraw-Hill to compile the information requested (even to the limited extent that it is available to McGraw-Hill) in view of its limited relevance, if any, to any issue material in this proceeding, and in view of the fact that much of the information requested is already available to the Postal Service.

Counsel for McGraw-Hill conferred with counsel for the Postal Service on January 30, 1998, and in light of the foregoing objection, it was agreed that McGraw-Hill would provide only sack and pallet reports to the extent they were available. The Postal Service further agreed to an extension of time in which to provide those reports and an extension of time in which to file this objection -- an extension made necessary when the undersigned counsel was unexpectedly called out of town through February 2, 1998. Accordingly, McGraw-Hill moves for late acceptance of this objection, and a two-week extension (until February 19, 1998) in which to respond to USPS/MH-1-34, as modified by oral agreement with counsel for the Postal Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice in this docket.

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February 3, 1998