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PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING CLARIFYING COMMISSION ORDER NO. 1207

(February 11, 1998)

On February 9, 1998, the Commission ordered the Postal Service to respond to the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers (ANM) interrogatory ANM/USPS-27, which concerns data and information on reported costs of Standard (A) Nonprofit mail available to Postal Service headquarters personnel. See Order No. 1207. Both ANM and the Service identified this interrogatory as ANM/USPS-27, despite the fact that a different ANM/USPS-27 was filed on December 22, 1997 and responded to by the Service on January 5, 1998. On February 10, 1998, ANM filed a motion to compel a response to ANM/USPS-28, which, in fact, is the interrogatory previously identified as ANM/USPS-27 in the pleadings and mentioned in Order No. 1207. Motion of Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers to Compel Answers to Interrogatory ANM/USPS-28 (ANM Motion).¹ ANM/USPS-28 is attached to this Ruling as Appendix A.

¹ In its Motion to Compel, ANM emphasizes that interrogatory ANM/USPS-28 is not intended to expand the scope of the Service's inquiry beyond the limits set by P.O. Ruling R97-1/86. ANM Motion at 3. Rather, if a "diligent inquiry" among Service headquarters personnel regularly involved with RPW data and a "diligent scrutiny" of those handbooks applicable nationally still fails to fully explain the Service's accounting for revenue under the posed circumstances, ANM will accept that as an answer. *Id.* ANM's position is thus in accordance with the Commission's opinion on the matter, as discussed in Order No. 1207.

This Ruling serves to clarify Order No. 1207 with regard to ANM's misnumbered interrogatory. The Postal Service shall respond to ANM interrogatory ANM/USPS-28 (referred to in Order No. 1207 as ANM/USPS-27) according to the Order's provisions.

RULING

ANM interrogatory ANM/USPS-28, misidentified in Order No. 1207 as ANM/USPS-27, shall be answered by the Postal Service according to the conditions set forth in this Ruling and in Order No. 1207.



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