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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITHDRAWING MOTION TO
STRIKE TESTIMONY OF FLORIDA GIFT FRUIT SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION
WITNESS MEREWITZ
(February 23, 1998)

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is withdrawing its motion to strike the testimony of Florida Gift Fruit Shippers witness Merewitz.¹ With the cooperation of Mr. Wells, counsel for Florida Gift Fruit Shippers Association, the Postal Service was able to obtain the files, programs and calculations used by Dr. Merewitz in developing the exhibits supporting his testimony. The Postal Service appreciates the assistance rendered by Mr. Wells. Nonetheless, the Postal Service believes that the situation which arose could have been avoided, had Dr. Merewitz taken the simple step of filing workpapers with his testimony.

¹ *Motion of United States Postal Service to Strike the Testimony of Florida Gift Fruit Shippers Association Witness Merewitz, FGFS-A-T-1, February 5, 1998.*

Respectfully submitted,

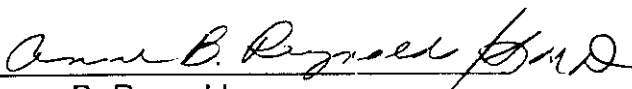
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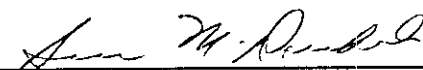
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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