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Postal Rate and Fee Changes   Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 17
(March 9, 1998)

The Nashua Photo Inc., District Photo Inc., Mystic Color Lab, and Seattle Filmworks, Inc. is requested to provide the information described below to assist in developing a record for the consideration of its request for changes in rates and fees. In order to facilitate inclusion of the requested material in the evidentiary record, the Nashua Photo Inc., District Photo Inc., Mystic Color Lab, and Seattle Filmworks, Inc. is to have a witness attest to the accuracy of the answers and be prepared to explain to the extent necessary the basis for the answers at our hearings. The answers are to be provided within seven (7) days.

1.   Refer to Tables A-1, A-2 and A-3 in witness Haldi's Testimony (NDMS-T-2), Appendix A (Tr. 20/10375-80). These tables present volume and revenue data in support of witness Haldi's proposal to increase the maximum weight of First-Class Mail from 11 to 13 ounces.

        a.   Please provide the formula(s) used and show all the calculations performed for the development of the following figures in Tables A-2 and A-3: (1) TYAR Priority Mail volumes in column 7; (2) migrating volumes to First Class in column 8; and (3) Priority Mail shares in column 9.

        b.   Referring to Priority Mail shares in column 9 of Table A-2, witness Haldi states in his Appendix A, page A-3: "Both shares were obtained by linear extrapolation of the percentage in column 7 of Table A-1 according to the rate differential in

column 3." (Tr. 20/10377). Please present numerically the "linear extrapolation" method used to develop the Priority Mail volume shares in Table A-2, column 9.

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