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Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING ADDRESSING OUTSTANDING EVIDENTIARY MATTERS AND CLOSING THE RECORD

(April 6, 1998)

As of today, there are two outstanding items which should become part of the evidentiary record of this case. On April 2, 1998, I issued Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 18, which requested that information be provided by April 9, 1998 concerning the computation of the percentage increases in Standard (A) rates requested by the Postal Service. On April 6, 1998, I issued Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 19, which requested that information be provided by April 13, 1998, concerning the computation of the percentage increases in Periodicals rates requested by the Postal Service.

The responses to these Information Requests will be received into evidence so that the Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision can fairly, accurately, and consistently describe the Postal Service Request.

Except for these two responses, the evidentiary record is closed.

RULING

1. The Responses to Presiding Officer's Information Request Nos. 18 and 19 are received into evidence in this docket.

2. Except as provided in this ruling, the evidentiary record in this proceeding is closed.

Edward J. Gleiman

Presiding Officer