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Mailing Online Service

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INTERROGATORIES TO
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS
MICHAEL K. PLUNKETT (NAA/USPS-T5-1-4)
August 7, 1998**

The Newspaper Association of America hereby submits the attached interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Michael K. Plunkett (USPS-T-5) and respectfully requests a timely and full response under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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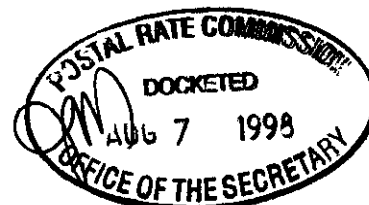
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NAA/USPS-T5-1. Please refer to pages 2 to 3 and Exhibit 5E of your testimony. Will the printer contracts provide for differing unit costs depending upon the volume of pieces to be printed?

NAA/USPS-T5-2. Please refer to pages 2 to 3 and Exhibit 5E of your testimony. Assume that a prospective mailer indicates to the Postal Service that it would like to use the Mailing Online Service, but only if it could obtain a lower unit charge from the printer than available under the existing contracts. How would such a situation be handled? In your answer, please discuss whether the Postal Service would renegotiate the printer contract and on what terms.

NAA/USPS-T5-3. Please refer to interrogatory NAA/USPS-T5-2. If the Postal Service renegotiated the printer contract, would it do so on a "per job" basis that makes arrangements for particular jobs only, or would it renegotiate the entire contract on a "going forward" basis by which the same rate would be available to all mailers regardless of the job?

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NAA/USPS-T5-4. This question refers to your proposed markup of the actual printer costs.

- a. Please confirm that a constant percentage markup cause the sender of a mailing that uses more costly paper to make a larger unit contribution than the sender of a mailing that uses less costly paper. If you cannot confirm, please explain why not.
- b. Did you consider marking up the actual printer costs by a constant unit contribution per piece rather than a percentage markup? If yes, why did you reject this option? If not, why not?