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Docket No. MC98-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS STIREWALT
TO QUESTION POSED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
AT THE HEARING ON AUGUST 27, 1998
(August 31, 1998)

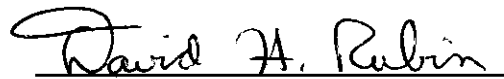
The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Stirewalt to a question posed by the Office of the Consumer Advocate at the hearing on August 27, 1998. The question is paraphrased and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

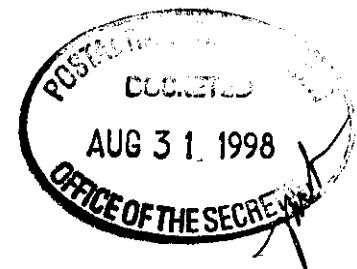
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Question (Tr. 3/780-82):

During the operations test period, how many access ports were available at the MOL processing center to receive transmissions from MOL customers?


Response:

The term "Access Ports" refers to a concept, not a physical entity, and equates to the number of users that can concurrently access Postal Service Web sites housed in the San Mateo computer operations center. The number of users that can access a Web site is dictated by two primary considerations: the capacity of a given Web server to accept concurrent users, and the internet telecommunications capacity into the San Mateo site. Factoring in: 1) the capacity of the Web server used by Mailing Online during the operations test, 2) that each Mailing Online user requires high data volume capacity during a Mailing Online session to upload and download text documents with embedded graphics, and 3) the internet telecommunications capacity into San Mateo during the operations test, I estimate that capacity for at least 160 Mailing Online users to simultaneously up load documents has been maintained at San Mateo during the operations test.

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DECLARATION

I, Daniel Stirewalt, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.




Dated: August 31, 1998

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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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