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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC98-1

Mailing Online Service

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS: MICHAEL K. PLUNKETT
(OCA/USPS-T5-29-34)
(October 22, 1998)

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate

Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories

OCA/USPS-T1-1-7 to witness Lee Garvey, dated July 21, 1998, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T5-29. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T5-28.

- a. Please confirm that the weight of an 8.5x11 sheet of paper is exactly 0.2 ounces.If you do not confirm, please provide the correct weight.
- b. Please confirm that the weight of a No. 10 envelope is exactly 0.2 ounces. If you do not confirm, please provide the correct weight.

OCA/USPS-T5-30. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T5-28.

- Please confirm that the weight of an 8.5x14 sheet of paper is exactly 0.254
 ounces. If you do not confirm, please provide the correct weight.
- Please confirm that the weight of a flat-size (9x12) envelope is exactly 0.4
 ounces. If you do not confirm, please provide the correct weight.

OCA/USPS-T5-31. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T5-28. Please confirm that the weight of an 11x17 sheet of paper is exactly 0.4 ounces (0.2 ounces per sheet of 8.5x11 paper x 2 sheets of 8.5x11 paper per sheet of 11x17 paper). If you do not confirm, please provide the correct weight.

OCA/USPS-T5-32. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T5-28.

- a. Please confirm that a Mailing Online mail piece
 - i. consisting of five or more 8.5x11 pages will be mailed in a flat-sized (9x12) envelope;
 - ii. consisting of four or fewer 8.5x11 pages will be mailed in a No. 10 envelope.

If you do not confirm, please explain. Also, please identify the number of pages of 8.5x11 paper per Mailing Online mail piece that will determine whether the mail piece is mailed in a No. 10 envelope or a flat-sized envelope.

- b. Please confirm that a Mailing Online mail piece
 - i. consisting of five or more 8.5x14 pages will be mailed in a flat-sized
 (9x12) envelope;
 - ii. consisting of four or fewer 8.5x14 pages will be mailed in a No. 10 envelope.

If you do not confirm, please explain. Also, please identify the number of pages of 8.5x14 paper per Mailing Online mail piece that will determine whether the mail piece is mailed in a No. 10 envelope or a flat-sized envelope.

- c. Please confirm that a Mailing Online mail piece
 - i. consisting of three or more 11x17 pages will be mailed in a flat-sized (9x12) envelope;
 - ii. consisting of two or one 11x17 pages will be mailed in a No. 10 envelope. If you do not confirm, please explain. Also, please identify the number of pages of 11x17 paper per Mailing Online mail piece that will determine whether the mail piece is mailed in a No. 10 envelope or a flat-sized envelope.

OCA/USPS-T5-33. Please provide a flow chart detailing how the Mailing Online system software calculates postage for submitted jobs. Please provide the computer code used by the system software to calculate postage for submitted jobs.

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OCA/USPS-T5-34. On Thursday, October 22, 1998, at noon, the OCA attempted to access the PostOffice Online web site. The web site stated: "Coming Soon." On what date does the Postal Service anticipate that the PostOffice Online web site will be available for access by the general public?

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

Kenneth E. Richardson

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