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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Mailing Online Service

Docket No. MC98-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING SCHEDULING WITNESSES

(November 10, 1998)

The schedule for the appearance of the witnesses presenting the direct case of the Postal Service is set forth in Attachment A. Based on the requests for oral cross-examination filed by the participants, it appears that the time allowed for hearings will easily accommodate expected cross-examination. That being the case, I will schedule hearings on Thursday, November 19, 1998, to begin at 1:30 pm.

Postal Service witnesses Hamm, Wilcox and Campanelli have not been identified for cross-examination by any party. As their testimony was admitted into the record on August 26, 1998, these witnesses are not scheduled for appearance at the hearings. See Transcript Volume 2.

Notice of a participant's intent to conduct oral cross-examination should be delivered to the counsel for the witness and served by Monday, November 16, 1998. The notice should include specific references to the subject matter to be examined and page references to the relevant direct testimony and exhibits. Likewise, designations of written cross-examination should be served by Monday, November 16, 1998, and shall identify every item to be offered as evidence, listing the participant who initially posed the discovery request, the witness and/or party to whom the question was addressed (if

different from the witness answering), the number of the request and, if more than one answer is provided, the dates of all answers to be included in the record.

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Attachment A schedules the appearance of Postal Service witnesses in the Mailing Online Service experimental phase.

W.H. "Trey"/LeBlanc III
Presiding Officer

SCHEDULE FOR HEARINGS TO RECEIVE THE DIRECT CASE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE IN THE MAILING ONLINE SERVICE EXPERIMENTAL PHASE DOCKET NO. MC98-1

Witness

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

Stirewalt (USPS-T-3) Seckar (USPS-T-2) Plunkett (USPS-T-5)

Thursday, November 19, 1998 (Hearings will begin at 1:30 pm)

Rothschild (USPS-T-4) Garvey (USPS-T-1)

Friday, November 20, 1998

Garvey (USPS-T-1) (if necessary)