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

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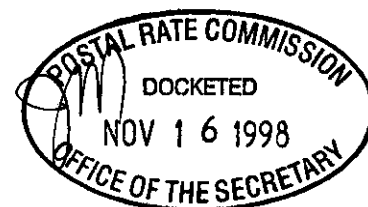
OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
(OCA/USPS-7-9)  
(November 16, 1998)

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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Acting Director  
Office of the Consumer Advocate

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OCA/USPS-7. Please provide volume estimates for the 1999-2003 time period based upon the rates and premailing fees in effect during the market test.

OCA/USPS-8. Please provide volume estimates for the 1999-2003 time period based upon the rates and premailing fees expected to be in effect during the experimental phase.

OCA/USPS-9. The OCA has received what appears to be a First-Class MOL piece postmarked in red, by hand, November 9, Waltham, MA. However, the design of the envelope does not match any of those included in Attachment II of the contract for printing services.

- a. Are MOL pieces being postmarked in red? If so, who applies the postmark?
- b. Are MOL pieces being postmarked by hand? If so, how is this practice consistent with the goal of maximizing the automation compatibility of MOL pieces?
- c. Why is the Postal Service using an envelope design for First-Class Mail that is not authorized by the contract with the printer and that creates the appearance of Standard (A)?

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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.



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