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

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MAILING ONLINE SERVICE

Docket No. MC98-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS GARVEY
(OCA/USPS-T1-58(C))

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T1-58(c), filed on November 6, 1998, and redirected from witness Garvey.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

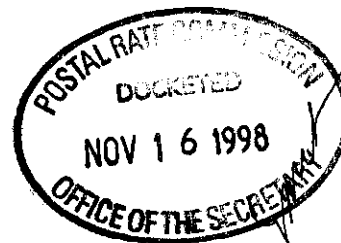
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OCA/USPS-T1-58. Please refer to your response to interrogatory OCA/USPS-T5-14, redirected to you from witness Plunkett.

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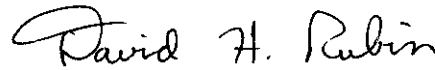
- c. At what point in time will the development costs of Mailing Online be fully recovered with interest? Please provide detailed calculations to support your response.

RESPONSE:

- c. While the Postal Service does not agree with any implication that these costs must be recovered by Mailing Online revenues, it is anticipated that the contribution expected to be produced by this service will be more than sufficient to cover such costs within the time frame of the experiment.

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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