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Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman;
W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III, Vice Chairman;
Commissioners Dana B. Covington, Sr.,
Ruth Y. Goldway, and George A. Omas

International Mail Report

Docket No. IM99-1

SEVENTH NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL MAIL DATA REQUIREMENTS

(Issued June 9, 1999)

To help the Commission prepare the report required by 39 U.S.C. Section 3663, on the costs, volumes, and revenues of the Postal Service's international mail services, the Service is requested to provide the following information on or before June 15, 1999. If any of the items listed below can be provided sooner, the Postal Service is requested to do so.

A comparison of the costs associated with international mail between the FY 1998 Domestic Cost and Revenue Analysis (CRA) Cost Segments and Components Report – PRC version, filed June 7, 1999, and the International CRA Cost Segments and Components Report – PRC version, filed April 19, 1999, reveals some discrepancies in the total costs assigned to international mail.

The following is a list of the discrepancies found:

Cost Segment	Cost Component	Domestic CRA (\$ 000)	International CRA (\$ 000)	Difference (\$ 000)
15	Rents	9,881	9,114	767
16	Other Miscellaneous	29,372	20,901	8,471
	Advertising	26,923	-0-	26,923
18	Personnel-Headquarters	20,042	-0-	20,042
	Supplies and Services	16,028	-0-	16,028
	Miscellaneous Support	2,408	-0-	2,408
20	Equipment Depreciation	12,678	10,565	2,113


Please explain the differences shown above. If a contributing factor is that the ICRA cost segments and components – PRC version, provided to the Commission in April was unaudited, please provide the audited version of the ICRA – PRC version. Specifically, provide tables A-1 through A-7 of the ICRA – PRC version.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service shall provide the information described in the body of this Order on or before June 15, 1999.
2. If any of the items of information cannot be provided by that time, the Postal Service shall provide a schedule of when those items can be provided.

By the Commission.

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Margaret P. Crenshaw
Secretary