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Before Commissioners:

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

Amendments to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule

Docket No. RM99-5

ORDER ON AMENDMENTS TO THE
DOMESTIC MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

(September 22, 1999)

Action by the Governors of the U.S. Postal Service on the opinion and recommended decision of the Postal Rate Commission in Docket No. MC99-4 requires changes to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS), which is published as Appendix A to Subpart C of 39 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 3001. The changes take effect October 3, 1999.

Under the terms of the decision, revised § 935.11 of Appendix A to Subpart C of 39 CFR Part 3001 — Postal Service Rates and Charges will read as follows: Bulk Parcel Return Service provides a method whereby high-volume parcel mailers may have machinable parcels returned to designated postal facilities for pickup by the mailer at a predetermined frequency specified by the Postal Service or delivered by the Postal Service in bulk in a manner and frequency specified by the Postal Service. Such parcels are being returned because they: (1) are undeliverable-as-addressed; (2) have been opened, resealed, and redeposited into the mail for return to the mailer using the return label described in section 935.36 below; or (3) are found in the mailstream, having been opened, resealed, and redeposited by the recipient for return to the mailer,

and it is impracticable or inefficient for the Postal Service to return the mailpiece to the recipient for payment of return postage.

New § 935.36 will read as follows: Mailers of parcels endorsed for Bulk Parcel Return Service may furnish the recipient a return label, prepared at the mailer's expense to specifications set forth by the Postal Service, to authorize return of opened, machinable parcels at the expense of the original mailer. There is no additional fee for use of the label.

Revised section 935.62 will read as follows: The Bulk Parcel Return Service permit may be canceled for failure to maintain sufficient funds in an advance deposit account to cover postage and fees on returned parcels, or for failure to meet the specifications of the Postal Service, including distribution of return labels that do not conform to Postal Service specifications.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission adopts the changes to the DMCS identified above.
2. The Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to cause a conforming notice to be published in the *Federal Register*, reflecting the Docket No. MC99-4 changes as they affect the CFR.

By the Commission.

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Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary