

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

EXPERIMENTAL PERIODICALS
CO-PALLETIZATION DROPSHIP DISCOUNTS FOR
HIGH EDITORIAL PUBLICATIONS, 2004

Docket No. MC2004-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS ALTAF H. TAUFIQUE TO INTERROGATORY OF
AMERICAN BUSINESS MEDIA (ABM/USPS-T1-47)

The United States Postal Service hereby files the response of witness
Altaf H. Taufique to the following interrogatory of American Business Media:
ABM/USPS-T1-47, filed on April 13, 2004.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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ABM/USPS-T1-47. With reference to your response to ABM/USPS-T1-6(c), please explain the significant reduction in average weight per pallet.

RESPONSE:

In investigating this interrogatory, we received some corrected data on the co-palletized pallets. Based on these updated data, the average pallet weights for October, 2003 through February, 2004 are shown in the following table. The resulting average weights per pallet are substantially higher. It is my understanding that any remaining average pallet weight reduction from the previous data reporting period could be related to requests by certain publications for more frequent pools to improve service.

Time Period	New Pallet	
	No.	Avg. Weight
October, 2003	728	502
November, 2003	957	499
December, 2003	1,153	579
January, 2004	1,785	558
February, 2004	1,718	571

A corrected response to ABM/USPS-T1-6 will be provided later.

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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