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Docket No. R97-1

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE TO ABA&EEI&NAPM INTERROGATORY

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of its responses to American Bankers Association & Edison Electric Institute & National Association of Presort Mailers interrogatory ABA&EEI&NAPM/USPS-T30-5. The interrogatory was filed on September 17, 1997. The answer was due to have been filed on October 1, 1997.

The delay in response is attributable to a combination of circumstances. The preparation of other outstanding interrogatory responses during the latter days of September, combined with the preparation for and participation in hearings last week by witness O'Hara and counsel prevented them from ensuring that responsive information was identified in time for an earlier response. Finally, counsel's unavoidable absence from the office from October 10th through the 14th resulted in the responses not being ready to be filed until today.

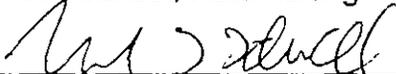
The Postal Service regrets the delay in filing these responses and will fax copies to counsel for ABA&EEI&NAPM today to mitigate the effects of the delay which has transpired to-date.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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