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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

Office of the Secretary

August 4, 1999

Mr. John E. McKeever, Esq.
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. McKeever:

On July 15, 1999 the Postal Rate Commission received a Freedom of Information Act Request (Request) from Piper & Marbury L.L.P. (P & M). Five days prior to that Request, the Commission had received a Freedom of Information Act request from another entity concerning the same general subject. On July 28, 1999, the Commission responded to the initial July 14th request and provided P & M with a similar response.

It has just come to my attention that the Commission failed to realize that P & M's Request sought more information and documents than the previous request. As a result, the Commission's July 28th response failed to address P & M's request for "a copy of all data and information supplied by the Postal Service which the Commission used or referred to in preparing" its Report to Congress on 1998 International Mail Volumes, Costs, and Revenues required by 39 U.S.C. § 3663.

The Commission has begun to process this portion of P & M's request. In addition, the Commission has asked the Postal Service to identify specific data and information that the Postal Service considered to be commercially sensitive when it submitted said data and information to the Commission and to provide an explanation of the legal basis for claiming that those portions should be exempt from public disclosure. Letter from Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, to Mary Elcano, General Counsel, United States Postal Service, dated August 4, 1999.

I deeply regret this error and the delay it will cause in providing you with a complete response to your Request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margaret P. Crenshaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Margaret P. Crenshaw
Secretary