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

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Docket No. R97-10F THE SECRETARY

RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORIES OF NASHUA, DISTRICT, MYSTIC & SEATTLE (NDMS/USPS-T32-33b-d)

The United States Postal Service hereby files its responses to the following

interrogatories of Nashua, District, Mystic & Seattle, dated August 29, 1997:

NDMS/USPS-T32-33b-d.

The interrogatories have been redirected from witness Fronk for response.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORIES OF NDMS REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS FRONK

NDMS/USPS-T32-33. From 1995 to 1996 the Postal Service and Brooklyn Union Gas ("BUG") conducted a "test" with Prepaid Courtesy Reply Mail ("PCRM"); see Docket No. MC96-3, response to NM/USPS-T37.

- a. Please explain how the proposal for PRM in this docket is related to the PCRM test.
- b. Did the Postal Service prepare any analysis, summary or other report on the results of that test with BUG?
- c. If so, please supply as a library reference a copy of each such analysis, summary or other report.
- d. If no analysis, summary or other report concerning the test with BUG was prepared, please explain why not.

RESPONSE:

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(a) Answered by witness Fronk.

(b) - (d) No summary report was prepared about the test. Headquarters personnel communicated orally with personnel at the test site on a regular basis and were familiar with the progress of the test. No written summary was prepared because Postal resources that would have prepared such summary analysis were diverted to Docket No. MC97-1.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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