Dear Sir

I have read the submissions so far published and would like to submit the following suggestion in the spirit of resolutions of this rather difficult to accept issue.

To soften the blow of the sudden increase of 43% in the basic letter rate, may I suggest that the increase be staggered over the period of the next three years, at intervals of 10c per annum making the rates as follows:

80c on Jan 4 2016  
90c on Jan 2 2017 and  
$1 on Jan 2 2018

I feel that this approach would address to a large degree the APO's justifiably argument in favour of the increase and at the same time enable the users of this service to plan for the increase over a period of time. This plan additionally provides for stability of rates for the next three years.

Sincerely Yours

Dr. J. S.