

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-30 and 34)

The United States Postal Service hereby files its responses to the above listed interrogatories, filed on June 13, 2006 and due on June 27, 2006.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DFC/USPS-30. With reference, as appropriate, to testimony filed in this docket, please provide and compare the cost of processing a stamped 9" x 12" envelope containing four sheets of letter-size paper that weighs between 1.1 and 2.0 ounces, a stamped First-Class #10 envelope that weighs between 1.1 and 2.0 ounces and that is 0.3 inches thick, and a two-ounce small parcel that is one inch thick. Assume that each item is deposited loose in a collection box.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service does not have the costs associated with the particular mail items as described, however, please refer to the cost by ounce by shape information for First-Class Mail that was provided in response to DBP/USPS-40.

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DFC/USPS-34. Please describe how the Postal Service processes #10 envelopes that are too thick for automation, and please provide the shape-based cost for processing this mail.

RESPONSE: See response to DFC/USPS-32. If the # 10 envelopes are too thick even for DBCS equipment with expanded capabilities, then the pieces will be routed to a manual operation for processing. The Postal Service has not conducted an analysis that would allow us to estimate processing cost specifically for the mail pieces you describe.