

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSES OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS  
L. PAUL LOETSCHER (USPS-T-28) TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE COMMISSION  
DURING ORAL TESTIMONY (August 17, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness L. Paul Loetscher (USPS-T-28) to two questions raised by the Commission during his oral testimony on August 10, 2006.

Each question is presented and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Question 1**

In the USPS-LR-L-33 study, how many pieces were removed from the sample? (Tr. Vol. 10 at 1606:3-4, 16-17)

**RESPONSE:**

In the Non-ECR Standard Mail Non-Letter Redefinition Study (USPS-LR-L-33), observations were taken on 1,743 Standard Mail non-letter pieces. In the data screening process, 10 pieces were removed from the sample due to recording errors that could not be resolved.

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**Question 2**

What are the confidence intervals for the estimates provided in USPS-LR-L-33, considering to the size of the sample? (Tr. Vol. 10 at 1607:2-5, 9-12)

**RESPONSE:**

The 90 percent confidence intervals for the estimates provided in USPS-LR-L-33 are provided in the table below.

**Confidence Interval for the LR-L-33 Estimates  
at the 90 Percent Level**

Proposed Definitions	Lower Bound of Confidence Interval	Point Estimate	Upper Bound of Confidence Interval
Auto Flat	80.41%	84.26%	88.11%
Non-auto Flat	4.11%	6.94%	9.77%
Hybrid Flat	0.89%	1.74%	2.59%
Hybrid Parcel	1.44%	3.14%	4.83%
Parcel	2.94%	3.92%	4.90%

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