

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 THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
(OCA/USPS-42-45) (July 28, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its institutional responses to the following interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, filed on July 11, 2006, and due on July 25, 2006:

OCA/USPS-42-45

The interrogatories are stated verbatim and are followed by the responses. A motion for late acceptance is being filed this day.

Respectfully submitted,

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**OCA/USPS-42.** With respect to ODIS sampling, what percentage of total Priority Mail volume is of a type that is eligible to be sampled by ODIS? Also, please describe the types of Priority Mail that may be sampled by ODIS, as contrasted with types of Priority Mail that would not be included in the ODIS sample.

**RESPONSE:**

100 percent of Priority Mail is of the type eligible to be sampled in ODIS-RPW.

As such, no Priority Mail is excluded from ODIS-RPW sampling.

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**OCA/USPS-43.** What percentage of Priority Mail has Product Tracking System ancillary services added to it? List all of the types of Product Tracking System ancillary services that may be added to Priority Mail.

- a. With respect to the service performance scores presented at <http://www.usps.com/serviceperformance/welcome.htm> for Priority Mail, what ancillary service types are included for the purpose of calculating the performance scores?
- b. What is the number of Priority Mail pieces that was used to develop the Overnight performance score of 87% on time? What total piece figure was used to calculate this score?
- c. What is the number of Priority Mail pieces that was used to develop the 2-day performance score of 87% on time? What total piece figure was used to calculate this score?
- d. What is the number of 3-day Priority Mail pieces (3%) for which service performance could not be reported?

**RESPONSE:**

- a. Delivery confirmation barcode.
- b. Out of 876,464 Total Pieces, 763,432 were On-Time, for a percentage of 87%.
- c. Out of 6,387,464 Total Pieces, 5,533,818 were On-Time, for a percentage of 87%.
- d. Data are not readily available.

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**OCA/USPS-44.** For FY 2005, please provide volume estimates of Priority Mail broken down into the three service standards for Priority Mail, i.e., volume of mail with an Overnight service standard; volume of mail with a 2-day standard; and volume of mail with a 3-day standard. The three volume figures should sum to the total volume of Priority Mail. If precise figures are unavailable, then ball park estimates are acceptable. Please cite the sources used to answer this interrogatory.

**RESPONSE:**

Priority Single Piece Volume Under the Given Service Standard  
for FY05

1	174,390,769
2	672,716,960
3	40,369,272

These volume estimates were constructed by deriving the FY 05 ODIS-RPW sample volume of Priority Mail under the given standards and applying the distribution of this mail to the FY 05 RPW Summary Report estimate of Priority volume.

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**OCA/USPS-45.** For FY 2006, year-to-date, please provide volume estimates of Priority Mail broken down into the three service standards for Priority Mail, i.e., volume of mail with an Overnight service standard; volume of mail with a 2-day standard; and volume of mail with a 3-day standard. Give the dates for the period of time used to answer the question. The three volume figures should sum to the total volume of Priority Mail for the specified period. If precise figures are unavailable, then ball park estimates are acceptable. Please cite the sources used to answer this interrogatory.

**RESPONSE:**

Priority Single Piece Volume Under the Given Service Standard  
for Q2 FY 06 Year-To-Date

1	90,105,039
2	378,223,147
3	22,093,814

These volume estimates were constructed by deriving the Quarter 2 FY 06 Year-To-Date ODIS-RPW sample volume of Priority under the given standards and applying the distribution of this mail to the Quarter 2 FY 06 Year-To-Date RPW Summary Report estimate of Priority volume.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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