

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO FOLLOW-UP  
INTERROGATORY OF MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION  
(MMA/USPS-24)

The United States Postal Service hereby files its response to the above-listed interrogatory, filed on July 26, 2006.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MMA/USPS-24**

Please refer to your response to Interrogatory MMA/USPS-13 and to your response to TW/USPS-6. In response to Part a of Interrogatory TW/USPS- 6, you indicate four items that you have incorporated into the QBRM savings model you say uses the Commission's methodology from R2000-1.

- A. For item number 1, did you make the same assumption with respect to the Miscellaneous Factor page for both QBRM and hand addressed (HAND) letters? If not, please explain why such a change is necessary for QBRM letters but not HAND letters?
- B. For item number 3, did you make the same assumption with respect to the QBRM Density table for both QBRM and HAND letters? If not, please explain why such a change is necessary for QBRM letters but not HAND letters?
- C. For item number 3, did you make the same assumption with respect to mail accepted into the incoming SCF/Prim operation for both QBRM and HAND letters? If not, please explain why such a change is necessary for QBRM letters but not HAND letters?

**Response:**

A. No. The response was referring to BRAMAS operations. The QBRM model uses a Miscellaneous Factor of 100% processed in the incoming secondary in 2-Pass DPS (DBCS) operation. The hand written reply mail letters model uses a Miscellaneous Factor of 78.97 % processed in the incoming secondary in 2-Pass DPS (DBCS) operation.

(B-C) Yes. For the incoming MMP operations for QBRM and handwritten reply letters, this table flows 100% of the mail to the incoming SCF/PRIM operations.