

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-58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 68)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of Douglas F. Carlson, filed on July 28, 2006: DFC /USPS-58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 68. With the exception of 63, Mr. Carlson has indicated to undersigned counsel that he considers the other interrogatories from that set to be moot, in light of the intervening revision to footnote 2 of USPS-T-38. A response to interrogatory 63 will be provided shortly.

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

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TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON**

**DFC/USPS-58.** Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-217. Please explain how and why the revision or implementation of the regulation described in USPST-38 at page 6, fn. 2 depends on the outcome of Docket No. R2006-1.

**RESPONSE:**

It is much more efficient to make such changes concurrently with the changes needed to implement the outcome of the rate case.

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**DFC/USPS-59.** Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-220(a). Please provide the volume of single-piece Bound Printed Matter that customers mailed in a transaction at a retail window.

**RESPONSE:**

This question was already asked and answered. Please see the response to

DFC/USPS-56.

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**DFC/USPS-64.** Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-227(c)–(e). Please explain why the POS One cannot be programmed not to present Bound Printed Matter automatically to customers who are mailing parcels.

**RESPONSE:**

The referenced response does not say that it cannot be so programmed. If your question is, can POS ONE be programmed not to show BPM to the customer unless the retail associate chooses that mail class, the answer is yes.

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**DFC/USPS-65.** Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-227(c)–(e). Please explain whether the Integrated Retail Terminals automatically present Bound Printed Matter to customers who are mailing parcels.

**RESPONSE:**

Integrated retail terminals (IRTs) do not display multiple mailing options to the customer as the POS ONE system does. The retail associate using an IRT must select an individual mail-class button in order to obtain rates for that class. Therefore, the customer does not see a Bound Printed Matter screen unless the retail associate first selects that mail class.

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**DFC/USPS-66.** Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-227(c)–(e). Please provide screen shots or similar documentation of the options that are automatically presented to customers who are mailing parcels at a POS One or IRT. Your response should specifically indicate the point in the process at which these options are presented. (For example, if Bound Printed Matter is presented automatically only after the window clerk selects Parcel Post, but if Bound Printed Matter is not presented if the window clerk initially selects Priority Mail, your response should provide this information.)

**RESPONSE:**

The Postal Service is just beginning the process of examining how to implement the changes necessary to effectuate its plans reflected in revised footnote 2.

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**DFC/USPS-68.** Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-235, which states that “BPM is rarely used by retail customers.” Please identify all postal services for which the volume processed or accepted at the retail window is lower than the volume for Bound Printed Matter.

**RESPONSE:**

That analysis has not been performed. The change reflected in revised footnote 2 is not based on a retail services “popularity contest.” It is based on the nature of the product and postal management’s determination of the appropriate channels through which it should be made available to mailers.