

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 12, QUESTION 9  
(October 10, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby responds to Presiding Officer's Information Request (POIR) No. 12, Question 9, issued August 24, 2006. This question is closely related to the institutional response to POIR No. 12, Question 8, which was filed October 6, 2006, and involves matters that go beyond the scope of any one postal witness. Accordingly, the response is institutional.

Question 9 is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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9. Why is insurance bought in conjunction with Return Receipt for Merchandise being limited to \$200.00 or less when it appears no limit existed previously? USPS-T-40 at 24. Please provide DMCS language to reflect this new limit.

**RESPONSE:**

For consumer protection reasons, the combination of return receipt for merchandise with insurance is limited to insurance for which the recipient's signature is not obtained. Customers who purchase insurance for which a signature is obtained would pay more but get no extra value from purchasing return receipt for merchandise, rather than regular return receipt service. This limitation is present in DMM sections 503.4.2.4c and 503.8.2.4b.

For the reasons expressed in the Postal Service's response to POIR No. 12, Question 8, the Postal Service does not support a DMCS provision concerning this combination of special services. But if DMCS provisions were required, they would be added to the DMCS sections for both insurance (943.251) and return receipt for merchandise (945.241), listing a new combination for return receipt for merchandise and insurance, for items insured up to \$200 only. This exemplifies the unwarranted complexity of including all special service combinations in the DMCS.