

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001**

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2005

Docket No. R2005-1

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(DFC/USPS-77-83)**

June 10, 2005

Pursuant to sections 25–27 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit interrogatories to the United States Postal Service.

The instructions contained in my interrogatories DFC/USPS-1–19 are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 10, 2005

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

DFC/USPS-77. For each number of guaranteed days to delivery (e.g., one, two, three, four, etc.), please provide the percentage of the total volume of Express Mail that is guaranteed for delivery on that number of guaranteed days to delivery.

DFC/USPS-78. Please provide the national Area Distribution Center (ADC) network list, by ADC and three-digit ZIP Code, that the Postal Service uses for sorting First-Class flats or SPR's.

DFC/USPS-79.

- a. Please confirm that the Postal Service retains an electronic record of the date and time of delivery of numbered Insured Mail.
- b. Except for Express Mail, please explain why the Postal Service does not provide the electronic record of the date and time of delivery of numbered Insured Mail to customers whose only special service purchased is Insured Mail.

DFC/USPS-80. Please provide the percentage of volume in each eligible service for which customers purchased return receipts (e.g., customers purchased a return receipt along with 75 percent of Certified Mail, 10 percent of Insured Mail, etc.).

DFC/USPS-81. For total return receipt volume, please provide the percentage that customers purchased with each eligible service (e.g., 85 percent of total return-receipt volume was associated with Certified Mail, two percent was associated with Express Mail, etc.).

DFC/USPS-82. Please explain how the Postal Service advises employees that they should not include the weight of the Express Mail label in calculating the postage rate for an Express Mail item that a customer presents at a retail counter without the label already attached. Also, please explain where customers may find this policy or how customers may direct postal employees to this policy.

DFC/USPS-83. For Express Mail and single-piece First-Class Mail, please provide information identifying the percentage of total volume that enters the postal system by each of the available modes of collection or deposit (e.g., leave for carrier, deposit in collection box, mail at post office, mail at retail window at a post office, etc.). If breakdowns for the category of single-piece First-Class Mail are available — e.g., stamped versus metered, or everything except bulk metered mail — please provide the information broken down by the available categories.