

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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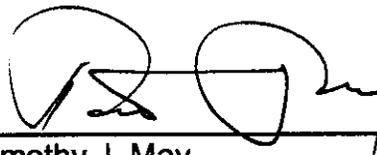
POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES

DOCKET NO. R2000-1

**FOLLOW-UP INTERROGATORIES OF PARCEL SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION
TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS JENNIFER L. EGGLESTON (USPS-T26-6, 7)**

The Parcel Shippers Association (PSA) requests United States Postal Service to respond fully and completely to the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents pursuant to Rules 25 and 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: April 3, 2000

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PSA/USPS-T26-6. Please refer to your answer to PSA/USPS-T26-4c. Please further refer to USPS-T-5, Table 1, footnotes 4 and 6. Finally, please refer to page 377 of LR-I-105.

a. Please confirm that the lower limit of the 95 percent confidence interval for an estimated number can be calculated by subtracting the quantity (1.97 x standard error) from the estimated number.

b. Please confirm that the upper limit of the 95 percent confidence interval for an estimated number can be calculated by adding the quantity (1.97 x standard error) to the estimated number.

c. Please confirm that a coefficient of variation of 50 percent implies that the lower limit of the 95 percent confidence interval is near zero.

d. Please confirm that a coefficient of variation of 50 percent implies that the upper limit of the 95 percent confidence interval is almost twice the estimated number.

e. In the case of the Oversized Volume for the DBMC rate category, where the estimate is 61,808 and the coefficient of variation is 44.30 percent, please confirm that the 95 percent confidence interval ranges from 7,868 to 115,748. If not confirmed, please provide the appropriate figures.

f. Please confirm that if the true value of the Oversized Volume for the DBMC rate category is in the 95 percent confidence interval described in (e) that it could have any value in the range from 7,868 to 115,748.

g. Please provide the coefficient of variation for the calculated Average Oversized Cubic Feet column for each rate category.

h. Please provide the coefficient of variation for the *totals* in the Oversized Volume column and the Total Oversized Cubic Feet column.

i. Please provide the coefficient of variation and 95 percent confidence interval for the *total* Average Oversized Cubic Feet across all three rate categories shown on page 377 of LR-1-105.

j. Please confirm that if the true value of the *total* Average Oversized Cubic Feet is in the 95 percent confidence interval described in (i) that it could have any value in the range specified in (i).

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PSA/USPS-T26-7. Please refer to your answer to PSA/USPS-T26-4a. Please further refer to Table 2 at page 1 of Attachment A of the Errata filed to USPS-T-26.

a. Please confirm that the average cost for oversized parcels dropped 20-25 percent, as a result of the Errata filed to USPS-T-26 for page 1 of Attachment A, which reduced the average cube of an oversized parcel from 10.84 to 8.04. If not confirmed, please explain.

b. Please provide the average cost for oversized parcels that would result if the true average cube of an oversized parcel were 5.00 instead of 8.04.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the Postal Service by hand and by First-Class Mail upon all participants in this proceeding requesting such service.



Timothy J. May

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