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Before the  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Complaint on Charges for the )  
Bulk Parcel Return Service )

Docket No. C99-4

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
(OCA/USPS-32-35)  
(January 4, 2000)

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Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-1-5 to the United States Postal Service, dated December 3, 1999, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## OCA/USPS-32.

- a. Please confirm that the Bound Printed Matter subclass consists of Standard Mail weighing at least 16 ounces, but not more than 15 pounds. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- b. Please confirm that the Bound Printed Matter subclass consists of three separate rate categories, single-pieces, presorted, and carrier route. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- c. Please confirm that the Bound Printed Matter rate categories of presorted and carrier route are for bulk mailings of at least 300 pieces. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- d. Please confirm that mail matter qualifying for the single-piece Bound Printed Matter rate category are not required to be "machineable." If you do not confirm, please explain.
- e. Please confirm that all parcel shaped mail pieces that qualify for any of the rate categories of the Bound Printed Matter subclass do not qualify for return via Bulk Parcel Return Service (BPRS). If you do not confirm, please explain, and identify those Bound Printed Matter parcel shaped mail pieces that qualify for BPRS.
- f. Please confirm that neither the DMCS nor the DMM authorize a return service specifically dedicated to the return of material qualifying for the presorted and carrier route rate categories of Bound Printed Matter. If you do not confirm, please explain.

OCA/USPS-33. Other than BPRS, is the Postal Service aware of any economically realistic alternative for mailers for the return of Standard (A) parcels?

OCA/USPS-34. Please confirm that the minor classification changes recommended by the Commission and approved by the Governors in Docket No. MC99-4 for Bulk Parcel Return Service eliminated the legal and business uncertainty for mailers as to the return by the Postal Service of Standard (A) parcels that have been opened, resealed, and redeposited into the mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.

OCA/USPS-35. Please update Table 1 of the BPRS cost study, as revised, for any new mailers that have qualified for BPRS service.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Wallace", written in a cursive style.

STEPHANIE WALLACE

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