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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS CAMPBELL TO INTERROGATORY OF
DOUGLAS CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-T29-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Campbell to the following interrogatory of the Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-T29-1, filed on January 24, 2000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DFC/USPS-T29-1.

- (a) Please refer to Table 4 in your testimony. Please provide the stamped card printing costs for 1997, 1998, and 1999.
- (b) Please explain all steps that the Postal Service has taken to reduce the printing costs of stamped cards (including, but not limited to, single-color printing).

RESPONSE:

- (a) Please see the table below for stamped card costs during fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999.

| | 1997 ¹ | 1998 ² | 1999 ³ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Stamped card cost (per thousand) | \$12.00 | \$13.00 | \$14.00 |

Additionally, please note that the estimated test year cost presented in Table 4 of my testimony (i.e., \$14.00 per thousand) is a conservative estimate. This estimate is based on the assumption that printing costs will remain level through the end of the test year.

- (b) I have been informed that the Postal Service has not taken specific steps to reduce the printing costs of stamped cards.

¹ This printing cost was effective through 10/97.

² This printing cost was effective through 3/99.

³ This printing cost will remain effective at least through fiscal year 2000.

DECLARATION

I, Chris F. Campbell, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Chris F. Campbell
Chris F. Campbell

Dated: 2/7/00

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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