

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
(DFC/USPS-T39-2)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-T39-2, filed on January 24, 2000, and redirected from witness Mayo.


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

Respectfully submitted,

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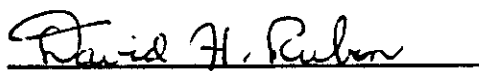
**DFC/USPS-T39-2.** Please refer to the Postal Service's responses to Docket No. R97-1 interrogatories DFC/USPS-9 and DFC/USPS-19. Please provide a complete update on the Postal Service's efforts to ensure that post offices deliver box mail by the cutoff time posted in the box lobby. Please include documentation and directives that discuss the need to deliver mail by the posted cutoff time.

**RESPONSE:**

The referenced responses from Docket No. R97-1 are still valid, including the quotation from the only applicable documentation. However, the expectation of a rolling out the *monitoring of box cutoff times to additional offices has not been realized and is not* currently scheduled. This can be traced to at least two causes. First is cost: expansion to delivery units that have a small impact on overall First-Class Mail volume is not justified. Second, the capability of monitoring compliance with box mail cutoff times is a minor feature in a larger system intended to monitor the flow of mail (primarily First-Class Mail) throughout the mail processing system. The focus has been on providing management with the most useful information.

## 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David H. Rubin", is written over a horizontal line.

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