

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
(DFC/USPS-58-66)

March 13, 2000

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit interrogatories to the United States Postal Service.

The instructions contained in my interrogatories to witness Mayo (DFC/USPS-1-9) are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 13, 2000



DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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



DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

March 13, 2000  
Emeryville, California

**DFC/USPS-58.** Please provide the total number of delivery offices (including post offices, stations, and branches).

**DFC/USPS-59.** Please provide the total number of carrier and rural routes nationwide.

**DFC/USPS-60.** Please provide the average number of return receipts delivered per day nationwide.

**DFC/USPS-61.** Please provide the average number of return receipts delivered per carrier or rural route per day.

**DFC/USPS-62.** Please provide the average number of return receipts delivered per delivery office per day.

**DFC/USPS-63.** Suppose a return receipt is attached to a letter. At which point, from acceptance of the letter to delivery of the return receipt to the sender, is the return receipt counted in total return-receipt volume?

**DFC/USPS-64.** Suppose a return receipt is attached to a letter. Suppose, further, the letter is returned to sender because the recipient moved and left no address. Will this return receipt be counted in total return-receipt volume? Does the answer depend on whether the sender obtains a refund for the fees paid for the return receipt?

**DFC/USPS-65.** Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-49 (which is incorrectly indicated as DFC/USPS-T34-49). Please explain why the drop window ends 30 minutes prior to the last posted collection time on the collection box. Does the drop window end at the same time for EXFC purposes?

**DFC/USPS-66.** Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-46.

- a. Please explain why FIM "D", rather than FIM "C", is used for IBI mail.
- b. Please confirm that AFCS machines sort FIM "D" mail to the stacker for typewritten mail, not the stacker for pre-bar-coded mail. If you do not confirm, please explain and provide the basis for your answer. If you do confirm, please explain why FIM "D" mail is not sorted to the stacker for pre-bar-coded mail.
- c. Please confirm that AFCS machines sort FIM "A" and FIM "C" mail to the stacker for pre-bar-coded mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- d. Please confirm that the AFCS machine normally sprays an orange RBCS ID tag on the back of typewritten and script mail but not on pre-bar-coded mail destined for the stacker for pre-bar-coded mail.
- e. Please confirm that the AFCS sprays an RBCS ID tag on the back of FIM "D" mail. If you do not confirm, please explain and provide the basis for your response. If you do confirm, please explain the purpose of spraying an RBCS ID tag on FIM "D" mail.
- f. Please confirm that the RCR will not use a wide-area bar code in resolving an address and instead will resolve the actual typewritten or printed address.