

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

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
PITNEY BOWES, INC.
(PB/USPS-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of Pitney Bowes, Inc.: PB/USPS-1, filed on March 7, 2000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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to
Interrogatories of Pitney Bowes, Inc.**

PB/USPS-1. Please refer to your response to PB/USPS-T11-10.

- a. In what cost segment(s) does the Postal service record the \$1,300,000 expense for order forms and other such costs for stamps by mail?
- b. Please explain whether the Postal Service classifies the \$1,300,000 as a volume variable or institutional cost.
- c. Is the \$1,300,000 included in the \$36,000,000 expense for stamps by mail cited in your response to PB/USPS-T11-12, or does it represent an additional cost of that program?

Response:

- a. Cost Segment 16, Component 179, Headquarters' printing and reproduction.
- b. Institutional.
- c. It is included in the \$36,000,000.

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, appearing to read "Susan M. Duchek", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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