

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
(OCA/USPS-67)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-67, filed on February 15, 2000.

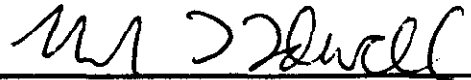
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BELATED RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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OCA/USPS-67

Please refer to the responses of the United States Postal Service to OCA/USPS-39 and OCA/USPS-42.

	Single-Piece First-Class Mail FIM Tagged		
	<u>FY97</u>	<u>FY98</u>	<u>FY99</u>
OCA/USPS-39	8,293,332,000	8,699,966,000	8,965,729,000
OCA/USPS-42 (ODIS)	9,015,374,407	9,396,719,740	9,678,952,456
OCA/USPS-42 (RPW-Adj)	8,751,467,000	9,178,055,000	9,438,982,000

For FY97, FY98 and FY99, please reconcile the volumes of single-piece First-Class mail that were FIM tagged. Also, please provide the source of the FIM volumes the USPS provided in its response to OCA/USPS-39.

RESPONSE:

First, ODIS was used to calculate the percentage of FIM-tagged mail as the ratio of estimated First-Class Single Piece FIM-tagged volume to the total estimated First-Class Single Piece Volume. Second, this percentage was applied to:

(1) the estimated total RPW First-Class Single Piece Letters, Flats & Parcels (excluding cards) volume in OCA/USPS-39,

(2) the estimated total ODIS First-Class Single Piece (all shapes) volume in OCA/USPS-42 (ODIS), and

(3) the estimated total RPW First-Class Single Piece Letter, Flats & Parcels, and Cards volume in OCA/USPS-42 (RPW-Adj).

For example, for FY 98, ODIS estimates the percentage of FIM-tagged mail as 0.16033. This percentage was applied to the following base:

54,273,024,000 for OCA/USPS-39;

58,608,618,000 for OCA/USPS-42 (ODIS); and

57,244,775,000 for OCA/USPS-42 (RPW-Adj).

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 black ink, appearing to read "M. Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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