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Before The
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000)

Docket No. R2000-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORY TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(OCA/USPS-133)
April 21, 2000

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits an interrogatory and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-1-14 dated January 24, 2000, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,



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OCA/USPS-133. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-LR-I-179, provided in response to OCA/USPS-4.

- a. For PFY 1999, PFY 2000, PFY 2001, PFY 2002, PFY 2003, and PFY 2004, please confirm that the percentage change in volume for single-piece First-Class letters and flats from the prior year is -0.55%, -0.76%, -2.06%, -1.36%, -3.45%, and -5.13%, respectively. If you do not confirm, please explain and provide the correct percentage change in volume.
- b. For PFY 1999, PFY 2000, PFY 2001, PFY 2002, PFY 2003, and PFY 2004, please confirm that the percentage change in volume for workshared First-Class letters and flats from the prior year is 6.52%, 5.59%, 4.35%, 4.57%, 2.67%, and -1.38%, respectively. If you do not confirm, please explain and provide the correct percentage change in volume.
- c. Please confirm that the change (and resulting percentage change) in volume in each year for single-piece First-Class letters and flats in part a. of this interrogatory is a function of changes in rates and an assumed secular change in volume of single-piece First-Class letters and flats. If you do not confirm, please explain.
 - i. Please provide the price elasticity of demand associated with the changes in rates referred to in part c. of this interrogatory.
 - ii. Please provide the percentage change associated with the an assumed secular change in volume referred to in part c. of this interrogatory.

- d. Please confirm that the change (and resulting percentage change) in volume in each year for workshared First-Class letters and flats in part a. of this interrogatory is a function of changes in rates and an assumed secular change in volume of workshared First-Class letters and flats. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- i. Please provide the price elasticity of demand associated with the changes in rates referred to in part c. of this interrogatory.
- ii. Please provide the percentage change associated with the an assumed secular change in volume referred to in part c. of this interrogatory.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.


Jennie D. Wallace

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