

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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-134)
April 28, 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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- (a) Has the Postal Service conducted any studies on the relationship between the weight of a mailpiece and its aspect ratio? If yes, please provide a copy of any such studies.
- (b) In the absence of any studies referred to in part (a) of this interrogatory, what is known by the Postal Service about the relationship between the weight of a mailpiece and its aspect ratio? Please explain.
- (c) In the absence of any studies referred to in part (a) of this interrogatory, what is known by the Postal Service about the relationship between the weight of a low aspect ratio mail piece and its propensity to "tumble"?
- (d) As a matter of the physics and engineering of automated letter-processing equipment, are heavier low aspect ratio pieces more likely to "tumble" than lighter pieces (due to the effect of inertia during acceleration)? Please make inquiries at Merrifield before answering this question.

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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