

BEFORE THE  
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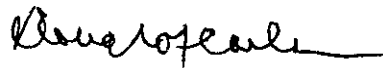
DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
FOLLOW-UP INTERROGATORIES  
TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
(DFC/USPS-89-93)

April 28, 2000

Pursuant to Rules 25-27, I hereby submit follow-up 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,



DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

Dated: April 28, 2000

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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

April 28, 2000  
Emeryville, California

**DFC/USPS-89.** The response to DFC/USPS-23(a) and (e) seems inconsistent with the response to DFC/USPS-78 and 79. If so, please indicate the extent to which the response to DFC/USPS-78 and 79 supersedes the response to DFC/USPS-23(a) and (e). If not, please explain the instances, discussed in DFC/USPS-23(a) and (e), in which the Postal Service will not offer guaranteed Next Day or Second Day Express Mail Post Office to Address service.

**DFC/USPS-90.** Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-79(c).

- a. Please provide all information explaining the extent to which the Postal Service, in order to meet Express Mail delivery commitments, *actually* arranges for special transportation to deliver Express Mail to post offices that normally would not receive mail on the guaranteed delivery day.
- b. Please provide all available data on the percentage of Express Mail items that are delivered on time as a result of the special transportation arrangements described in (a) that would not have been delivered on time absent the special transportation arrangements described in (a).
- c. Please confirm that the postmaster general has directed field offices in the past year to reduce expenses.
- d. Please discuss the extent to which the special transportation arrangements described in (a) are permissible, encouraged, and discouraged under the postmaster general's directive. Please provide relevant documents.
- e. Please discuss the extent to which a field office might interpret the postmaster general's directive as discouraging the special transportation arrangements described in (a). Please provide relevant documents.
- f. Please provide all available information on the costs the Postal Service has incurred to provide the special transportation described in (a).
- g. Does the special transportation described in (a) include special flights by air to deliver the Express Mail to the destination post office? If so, please provide information on the extent to which air travel is used for the special transportation described in (a) and the costs associated therewith.

**DFC/USPS-91.** Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-80. Please provide an approximate number of post offices that do not *receive* mail six days per week.

**DFC/USPS-92.** Do PETE scores measure delivery performance of Priority Mail flats only? If so, are the flats that are used to calculate PETE scores always mailed in the Priority Mail envelopes the Postal Service provides to customers?

**DFC/USPS-93.** The Service Standards CD-ROM contains several instances where First-Class Mail provides two-day delivery to the SCF associated with a particular destination city, yet mail to the destination city itself has a three-day delivery standard. For example, First-Class Mail from Bangor ME (046) to SCF Paterson NJ (074), SCF Newark NJ (070), and SCF New Brunswick NJ (088) receives two-day delivery, while First-Class Mail from Bangor to the city of Paterson (075), the city of New Brunswick (089), and the cities of Newark (071), Elizabeth (072), and Jersey City (073) receives three-day delivery. Do these examples represent database errors? Please explain.