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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MAYO
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-T39-76-77)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Mayo to the following interrogatories of Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-T39-76 to 77, filed on May 10, 2000.

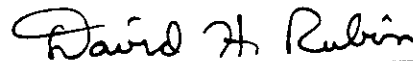
Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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TO INTERROGATORIES OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-T39-76-77)**

DFC/USPS-T39-76. Please refer to your response to DFC/USPS-T39-68 and DFC/USPS-T39-75. Please explain all ways in which the Commission's opinion and recommended decision in Docket No. R97-1 at pages 575-577, and in particular at ¶ 5951, influenced the Postal Service's decision not to amend DMM § D042.1.7 as originally proposed in 63 Fed. Reg. 12,874 (1998).

RESPONSE:

The Commission's Opinion and Recommended Decision had no significant influence over the Postal Service's decision not to amend the referenced DMM section.

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DFC/USPS-T39-77. Please refer to your response to DFC/USPS-T39-69, where you reported your friend's comment that "it seemed carriers were filling out the address when different block more often than in the past when this was a service option and not part of the basic service as is currently the case." Do you understand his/her comments to mean that the carriers are filling out this block more often because "address, if different" is now a standard feature of return-receipt service, whereas in the past obtaining address information was an optional, premium service that only a relatively small percentage of return-receipt customers purchased? If not, please explain your understanding of why carriers are filling out this block more often than in the past.

RESPONSE:

Yes.

DECLARATION

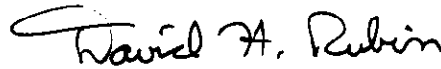
I, Susan W. Mayo, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Susan W Mayo

Dated: May 24, 2000

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 that reads "David H. Rubin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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