

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
INTERROGATORIES TO E-STAMP CORPORATION
WITNESS MICHAEL JONES
(DFC/E-STAMP-T1-1-3)**

May 27, 2000

Pursuant to Rules 25-27, I hereby submit interrogatories to E-Stamp Corporation witness Michael Jones.

The instructions contained in my interrogatories to Postal Service witness Mayo (DFC/USPS-T39-1-9) are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 27, 2000



DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

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

May 27, 2000
Emeryville, California

DFC/E-STAMP-T1-1.

- a. Please discuss the advantages to customers and to PC Postage providers of a PC Open System over a PC Closed System.
- b. Please discuss the advantages to customers and to PC Postage providers of a PC Closed System over a PC Open System.
- c. Does E-Stamp plan to market a PC Closed System? Please explain.

DFC/E-STAMP-T1-2. Please refer to section II.A. of your testimony.

- a. Please describe your understanding of why fluorescent strips on labels make a FIM unusable.
- b. At page 10, lines 3-4, you testified, "At the same time, however, this requirement makes the FIM unusable and does not allow the same efficiency in the sortation process." Please explain the comparison that you are making (i.e., an unusable FIM causes less efficiency than which alternative situation?).
- c. In this section of your testimony, are you referring to FIM "D"? If not, please explain.
- d. Please explain your understanding of how, if at all, FIM "D" causes greater efficiency in mail processing than a regular 33-cent postage stamp.
- e. Please explain your understanding of how, if at all, FIM "D" causes greater efficiency in mail processing than a fluorescent meter indicia.
- f. On an AFCS machine, please confirm that mail bearing FIM "D" is sorted to the stacker for typewritten mail, rather than the stacker for pre-bar-coded mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.

DFC/E-STAMP-T1-3. Please refer to your discussion of Category 2 mail in section IV.

- a. Please confirm that customers may properly deposit PC Postage mail loose in collection boxes.
- b. Please explain your understanding of the maximum thickness of letter-size mail that will pass through the culling system and enter an AFCS machine.
- c. Please estimate the maximum weight of letter-size mail containing paper that will not be thicker than the maximum thickness identified in (b).
- d. Please confirm that mail that rejects from the culling system because it is too thick must be manually faced. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- e. Please confirm that manual facing increases processing costs.
- f. Please confirm that some PC Postage mail weighing up to 3.3103 ounces may not be automation-compatible if it is deposited loose in collection boxes.
- g. Please confirm that PC Postage mail weighing one ounce or less for which no non-standard surcharge is required should be automation-compatible.