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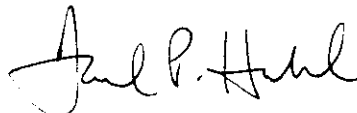
Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

**STAMPS.COM'S FIRST SET OF INSTITUTIONAL
INTERROGATORIES TO USPS (STAMPS.COM/USPS 1- 6)**

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the Rules of Practice, Stamps.com submits these interrogatories to the U.S. Postal Service. Please direct them to the appropriate person or witness who can provide a complete response.

Respectfully submitted,



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**STAMPS.COM'S FIRST SET OF
INSTITUTIONALINTERROGATORIES TO USPS**

STAMPS.COM/USPS – 1

Please confirm that, for letters with a customer-applied 9-digit POSTNET barcode, the Postal Service must mark-out, obliterate, or cover up the barcode so that an 11-digit POSTNET barcode can be applied and the original 9-digit barcode will not be read. If you do not confirm, please explain why.

STAMPS.COM/USPS – 2

(a) Please confirm that to process a letter with a customer-applied 9-digit POSTNET barcode, one of the steps taken by USPS is to run the mailpiece through a special machine that places an adhesive label over the 9-digit POSTNET barcode. This allows USPS to apply an 11-digit POSTNET barcode in its place. If you do not confirm, please explain why.

(b) Please provide the per piece cost to USPS to apply the label described above (including the cost of the label).

STAMPS.COM/USPS – 3

Please describe all of the processing steps that a letter with a customer-applied 9-digit POSTNET barcode must go through in order to be processed with a USPS-applied 11-digit POSTNET barcode.

STAMPS.COM/USPS - 4

Please confirm that it is more costly for USPS to process a letter with a customer-applied 9-digit POSTNET barcode than it would be to process the exact same letter without a customer-applied 9-digit POSTNET barcode. If you do not confirm, please explain why.

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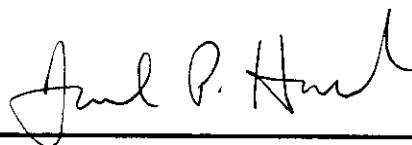
Please state or estimate all of the additional costs to USPS in processing a mailpiece with a customer-applied 9-digit POSTNET barcode compared to processing the same mailpiece without such a barcode, and state the basis for such estimate.

STAMPS.COM/USPS – 6

Please identify each word processing program (e.g., Word Perfect 8.0, Word 97) known by USPS to produce CASS-certified 11-digit POSTNET barcodes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 16 day of June 2000, served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding having requested service of discovery documents in accordance with Section 12 of the rules of practice.



David P. Hendel