

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

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Docket No. R2001-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS KINGSLEY TO INTERROGATORY OF OCA  
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS MAYO  
(OCA/USPA-T36-12 and 17(h))

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its revised responses of witness Kingsley to the following interrogatories redirected from witness Mayo: OCA/USPS-T-36-12 and 17(h), filed on October 1, 2001. Due to a computer formatting error, the original response, filed on October 16, 2001, did not contain the complete responses to the above mentioned interrogatories.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**REDIRECTED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS KINGSLEY TO INTERROGATORIES OF OFFICE OF CONSUMER  
ADVOCATE TO WITNESS MAYO**

**OCA/USPS-T-36-12** Please provide an explanation of all the mail processing steps a non-local destinating Certified Mail piece undergoes once it has been accepted by a USPS window clerk. Please include in your response an explanation of: (a) how the mail piece is processed on incoming and outgoing equipment, and (b) how the DPS equipment differentiates the routing of a non-Certified Mail piece versus a Certified Mail piece.

**Response:**

(a) Currently, Certified Mail is processed no differently than it would have been without the Certified tag until reaching incoming secondary operations.

(b) As explained in my testimony (USPS-T-39, page 8), Certified Mail Detectors on BCSs detect the fluorescent certified labels and sort them into a separate stacker during incoming secondary processing. Certified Mail volume for the delivery unit arrives segregated from the DPS volumes for further sortation to carrier route level and to be recorded as accountable mail.

A non-Certified Mail piece would be sorted to DPS trays. The DPS trays are then available for carriers to load into their vehicles for delivery and require no further sortation.

Starting in February 2002, the ability to pull-out and isolate Certified Mail will be available for all levels of BCS sortplans including outgoing.

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**OCA/USPS-T-36-17** The following refers to the USPS Delivery Confirmation product offering.

(h) Why hasn't the Postal Service extended the Delivery Confirmation offering to First-Class letters?

**Response:**

(h) My testimony, USPS-T-39, pages 8 and 28, which explains the problems that would occur in identifying and extracting letters with Delivery Confirmation and how it is practical for carriers to identify parcels and Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation, unlike other mail.

Another major factor is that many customers print their own Delivery Confirmation labels, so it would be impractical to rely on and require taggants (such as fluorescence on the paper stock as used on Certified Mail labels) to pick out pieces on sortation equipment.

## **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.

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