

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS TAYMAN TO INTERROGATORY
OF THE MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS OF AMERICA
(MPA/USPS-T6-4)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Tayman to the following interrogatory of the Magazine Publishers of America: MPA/USPS-T6-4, filed on October 4, 2001. Interrogatories MPA/USPS-T6-1-3 were redirected to witness Patelunas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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MPA/USPS-T6-4. On page 62 of your testimony, you note that TFP grew by 2.5 percent in FY2000, is on pace to grow by 2.0 percent in FY2001, and is projected to grow by 1.1 percent in FY2002.

- (a) If the Postal Service's FY2002 cost and volume forecasts (as well as all underlying forecasting assumptions) come to pass, how much higher would USPS total factor productivity (TFP) be in FY 2002 than in FY 2001?
- (b) If the Postal Service's FY2002 and TYBR cost (excluding contingency) and volume forecasts (as well as all underlying forecasting assumptions) come to pass, how much higher would USPS total factor productivity (TFP) be in FY 2002 than in FY 2001?
- (c) If the Postal Service's FY2002 and TYAR cost (excluding contingency) and volume forecasts (as well as all underlying forecasting assumptions) come to pass, how much higher would USPS total factor productivity (TFP) be in FY 2002 than in FY 2001?
- (d) Please provide detailed documentation regarding how the Postal Service calculates TFP.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Based on the assumptions included in the R2001-1 rate case filing for FYs 2001 and 2002, TFP is estimated to increase by 1.1 percent in FY 2002.
- (b) See response to "a" above.
- (c) See response to "a" above.
- (d) See USPS Library Reference H-279, Docket No. R97-1, Total Factor Productivity.

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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