

BEFORE THE

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS PHILIP A. HATFIELD  
(DFC/USPS-T25-3-6)

August 25, 1997

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of the *Rules of Practice*, I, Douglas F. Carlson, hereby submit interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Philip A. Hatfield.

If the witness is unable to provide a complete, responsive answer to a question, I request that the witness redirect the question to a witness who can provide a complete, responsive answer. In the alternative, I request that the question be redirected to the Postal Service for an institutional response.

The instructions contained in my interrogatories to witness Fronk (DFC/USPS-T32-1-7) are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 25, 1997



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**DFC/USPS-T25-3.** Please refer to your response to DFC/USPS-T32-3. Please confirm that the processing costs at a fully automated facility of type (a) mail (as defined in DFC/USPS-T32-2) are lower than the processing costs at a fully automated facility of type (d) mail (as defined in DFC/USPS-T32-2).

**DFC/USPS-T25-4.** Please refer to the four types of mail described in DFC/USPS-T32-2. Please confirm that some of the type (a) mail is produced by "individuals" (defined as "single human beings, as contrasted with a social group or institution").

**DFC/USPS-T25-5.** To the extent that customers who presently prepare OCR-readable, non-bar-coded single-piece First-Class letters or cards switched to an addressing method such as handwriting that could not be fully resolved by an OCR, would you expect that processing costs would increase? Please explain your answer.

**DFC/USPS-T25-6.** To the extent that customers who presently prepare mail that can be processed on automated sorting equipment switched to envelope or card materials that, due to their color or surface texture, reduced the percentage of pieces that could be processed on automated sorting equipment, would you expect that processing costs would increase? Would the reverse be true, too? Please explain your answer.

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### 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* and sections 3(B) and 3(C) of the *Special Rules of Practice*.



DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

August 25, 1997  
Emeryville, California