

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

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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF  
THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION  
(ABA/USPS-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory of the American Bankers Association: ABA/USPS-1, filed on August 18, 1997.

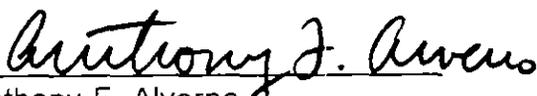
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ABA/USPS-1.**

In LR-H-182, please reproduce Table 1 for the mail processing cost segment only, using the method documented in Appendix A. Would these extra ounce costs be the same or about the same for workshared mail in First Class?

**Response.**

See attached Table 1 for mail processing only. No studies of First-Class costs by weight increment using the new mail processing methodology in Appendix A of USPS-LR-H-182 have been conducted; accordingly, the Postal Service has no information responsive to the remainder of the interrogatory.

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**Table 1 - Mail Processing Only**

**FY 1996 Mail Processing Unit Cost by Weight Increment  
Standard (A) Bulk Mail**

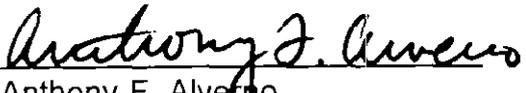
Weight Inc. (oz)	Carrier Route			Other		
	Attributable Costs (000)	Mail Volume (000)	Unit Cost (cents)	Attributable Costs (000)	Mail Volume (000)	Unit Cost (cents)
1	203,067	11,884,976	1.7	1,291,882	19,888,875	6.5
2	92,434	6,618,447	1.4	555,532	8,310,370	6.7
3	52,593	6,100,688	0.9	315,883	4,143,309	7.6
4	62,430	3,024,681	2.1	323,973	3,025,509	10.7
5	15,913	2,352,129	0.7	101,110	1,615,153	6.3
6	8,313	1,145,220	0.7	89,247	904,275	9.9
7	3,991	495,384	0.8	34,067	546,745	6.2
8	4,017	176,959	2.3	51,446	370,421	13.9
9	2,355	137,224	1.7	23,023	255,938	9.0
10	2,465	70,751	3.5	25,851	201,637	12.8
11	1,362	39,292	3.5	19,404	165,235	11.7
12	215	21,572	1.0	27,237	168,569	16.2
13	121	33,805	0.4	17,992	154,530	11.6
14	760	13,118	5.8	20,978	127,321	16.5
15	704	12,681	5.6	15,805	62,867	25.1
16	1,100	10,735	10.2	15,520	37,420	41.5
	451,842	32,137,662	1.4	2,928,950	39,978,176	7.3

- Sum of CS3.1 - From Table 1  
row from Table 3 of USPS-LR-H-182  
and Table 5 of  
USPS-LR-H-182

- Sum of CS3.1 - From Table 1  
row from Table 4 of USPS-LR-H-182  
and Table 6 of  
USPS-LR-H-182

**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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