

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 1997

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
(OCA/USPS-12)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following
interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-12, filed on
August 19, 1997.

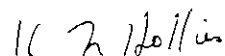
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-12. Please refer to the response to OCA/USPS-T24-31b-d.

- a. Please confirm that McLean, Virginia 22103 was moved from post office box Group B to Group C. See Postal Bulletin 21948 (6-19-97) at page 37. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- b. Please confirm that the Postal Bulletin provides notice when post offices are moved from one post office box fee group to another. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- c. Please provide, and file as a library reference, all citations in the Postal Bulletin giving notice that a post office is being moved from one post office box fee group to another during the past five fiscal years.
- d. Please provide, and file as a library reference, a tabulation from the Postal Bulletin of the number of post offices being moved from one post office box fee group to another during each of the past five fiscal years. The tabulation should show the original and the new post office box fee groups.

RESPONSE:

- a. Partially confirmed. The June 19 *Postal Bulletin* notice changed the fee group listing of a particular ZIP Code, thus conforming published regulations to the actual fee being charged those customers.
- b. Not confirmed. This particular change of a ZIP Code from one fee group to another required a *Postal Bulletin* notice only because it also involved a change to a published manual, in this case the exception table of ZIP Codes in the *Domestic Mail Manual* that defines fee groups A and B. The other types of fee group changes addressed in the Response to OCA/USPS-T24-31(b-d) are not, with one limited exception, published in the *Postal Bulletin*. The limited exception relates to post office closings; notice of these is published in the *Postal Bulletin*, albeit not in a form that permits a reader to determine whether the fee group for affected customers changed. (Generally, fee groups do not change.)
- c-d. It is believed that the fee group change identified in part (a) is the only example of its type in fiscal years 93-97; however, the OCA is free to verify this itself by

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reviewing copies of the *Postal Bulletin* on file in the Postal Service library. In any event, no "post offices" have moved. See also, *Postal Bulletin* 21820 at 7 (July 23, 1992).

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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