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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF Douglas F. Carlson
(DFC/USPS-14-18)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of Douglas F. Carlson DFC/USPS-14-18, filed on October 13, 2001.

The Postal Service filed an objection to DFC/USPS-14 on November 9, 2001. A response to DFC/USPS-16 is forthcoming.

The interrogatories are stated verbatim and are followed by the responses.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTERROGATORIES OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON**

DFC/USPS-15. Please explain the extent to which Sunday delivery of Express Mail, and the guarantee thereof, has been curtailed, changed or eliminated since September 11, 2001. Please explain the reasons for these changes and specify whether these changes are permanent.

RESPONSE:

Currently, there have been no permanent changes made to Express Mail guarantees as a result of the events of September 11. However, for a brief period, due to heightened security as a result of those events and some limitations on the availability of transportation, certain non-local Express Mail deposited or brought to a post office on Saturday temporarily did not receive an overnight service guarantee for Sunday delivery. Rather, it received a two-day service guarantee for delivery on Monday. Customers approaching Express Mail retail windows on Saturday were informed of the applicable service guarantee for their packages, whether overnight or two-day. Subsequently, transportation restrictions were lifted for Express Mail and Express Mail Sunday service levels were restored to those existing prior to September 11.

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DFC/USPS-17. Please provide all audits and reports conducted since 1998 concerning collection times on collection boxes.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service is unaware of any such audits or reports.

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DFC/USPS-18. Except for adjustments related to changes in airline schedules, please describe the changes, if any, in air transportation that the Postal Service has made for First-Class letters, flats, and SPR's and Priority Mail as a result of the events on September 11, 2001.

RESPONSE:

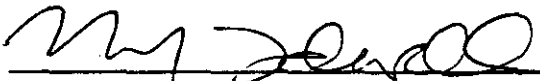
Currently, there have been no permanent changes in air transportation for First-Class letters, flats and SPR's and Priority Mail as a result of the events on

September 11. However, certain Priority Mail that used to travel by commercial passenger air temporarily travels by other modes of transportation. The modes selected are those that will provide the best service under the circumstances.

Both the Federal Aviation Administration and the Postal Service have determined that more detailed information on which Priority Mail travels on commercial passenger air versus other modes of transportation should not be disclosed in the interests of national security.

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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