

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R2001-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS NIETO  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON [ERRATA]  
(DFC/USPS-T26-6)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the revised response of witness Nieto to the following interrogatory of Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-T26-6, filed on October 30, 2001. The revision clarifies the original response, filed on November 14, 2001, by changing "browser" to "e-mail software" in the second and fifth sentences.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**DFC/USPS-T26-6.** Please explain exactly how a secure, digitally encrypted e-mail transmission works from the recipient's perspective.

**RESPONSE:**

From the recipient's viewpoint, nothing is different about the encrypted e-mail message from any other normal e-mail message. The encryption and decryption takes place between the USPS servers and the recipient's e-mail software. Any inappropriate access or attempt to read the e-mail message in transit would be unsuccessful because the message would be encrypted. Additionally, a secure, digitally encrypted e-mail has a legally recognized authentication certificate. The recipient's e-mail software provides a certificate with the e-mail authenticating the transmission as being from the Postal Service and not having been tampered with en route. The encryption and the authentication protect the recipient of the accountable mail piece who provided the signature.

**DECLARATION**

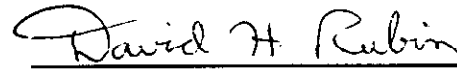
**I, Norma B. Nieto, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.**

Norma B. Nieto

**Dated:** 11/19/01

**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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