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Classification and Fees For Confirm)

Docket No. MC2002-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(OCA/USPS-2-8)
May 29, 2002

Pursuant to Rules 25 through 28 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-T1-1-18 dated May 1, 2002 are hereby incorporated by reference.

The following interrogatories will enable the OCA to propose an additional tracking service as an alternative to the Postal Services' proposal in this docket as provided for in the Commission's notice and order commencing this proceeding, "Notice and Order Concerning Request for Classification and Fees for Confirm Service," Order No. 1339, April 29, 2002 at 1.

Respectfully submitted,



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OCA/USPS-2. Please provide the total actual and projected number of pieces of Certified Mail for postal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

OCA/USPS-3. Of the total number of pieces of Certified Mail for each of the years specified in OCA/USPS-2, please provide the actual and projected number of Certified Mail purchased for First-Class letters, First-Class flats, First-Class packages, and Priority Mail.

OCA/USPS-4. Of the total number of pieces of Certified Mail for each of the years specified in OCA/USPS-2, please provide the actual and projected number of Return Receipt services purchased for First-Class letters, First-Class flats, and First-Class packages.

OCA/USPS-5. For Certified Mail only, excluding Return Receipt, please list for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003:

- a. the alternative methods available to mailers to access the delivery record data,
- b. the fees for mailers to access Certified Mail delivery record data, and
- c. the actual and projected number of pieces of First-Class letters for which delivery records were or are expected to be accessed by mailers.

OCA/USPS-6. Delivery Confirmation is available for parcel-shaped First-Class letters and Sealed Parcels, Priority Mail, certain types of Standard Mail, and Package Services mail. Please provide the following information for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003:

- a. the total number of Priority mail pieces and the number of those pieces with Delivery Confirmation.
- b. the number of pieces of Priority Mail sent by commercial mailers and also the number of those Priority Mail pieces with Delivery Confirmation.
- c. the number of pieces of Priority Mail sent by individual consumers and also the number of those pieces with Delivery Confirmation.
- d. the number of pieces of Package Services mail (or, alternatively as appropriate, the relevant mail classification prior to the institution of Package Services) sent by commercial mailers and also the number of those pieces with Delivery Confirmation.
- e. Please provide data on the number of pieces of Package Services mail (or, alternatively as appropriate, the relevant mail classification prior to the institution

of Package Services) sent by individual mailers and also the number of those pieces with Delivery Confirmation.

- f. If you are unable to provide the above information, please explain.

OCA/USPS-7. It is our understanding that Delivery Confirmation service provides, upon request, confirmation to the mailer that an article was delivered or that a delivery attempt was made.

- a. Please delineate the various ways in which a consumer could obtain the confirmation, e.g., telephone, internet, etc.
- b. Please provide the total number of actual and estimated Delivery Confirmation pieces for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- c. For each of the methods of obtaining confirmation as outlined in (a), please provide the number of Priority Mail pieces mailed by commercial mailers for which delivery confirmation has been or is expected to be requested for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- d. For each of the methods of obtaining confirmation as outlined in (a), please provide the number of Priority Mail pieces mailed by individual mailers for which delivery confirmation has been or is expected to be requested for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- e. For each of the methods of obtaining confirmation as outlined in (a), please provide the number of Package Mail pieces mailed by commercial mailers for which delivery confirmation has been or is expected to be requested for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

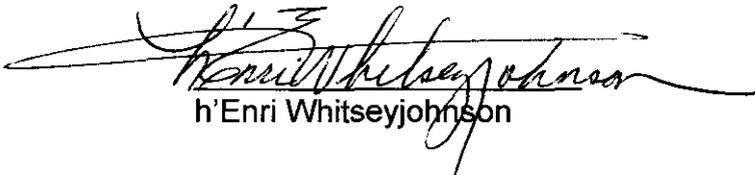
- f. For each of the methods of obtaining confirmation as outlined in (a), please provide the number of Package Mail pieces mailed by individual mailers for which delivery confirmation has been or is expected to be requested for the years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

OCA/USPS-8. This question requests data for 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 on an actual or projected/planned basis for Priority Mail service of one pound or less.

- a. Please provide the number of pieces of Priority Mail by commercial consumers in each year.
- b. Please provide the number of pieces of Priority Mail by commercial consumers in each year for which Delivery Confirmation was obtained.
- c. Please provide the number of pieces of Priority Mail by individual mailers in each year.
- d. Please provide the number of pieces of Priority Mail by individual mailers in each year for which Delivery Confirmation was obtained.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Rule 12 of the rules of practice.


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