

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

CUSTOMIZED MARKET MAIL MINOR
CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Docket No. MC2003-1

**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS ASHE TO INTERROGATORIES OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER
ADVOCATE (OCA/USPS-T1—28, 30)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Ashe to the following interrogatories of the Office of Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T1—28 and 30, filed on April 2, 2003. Interrogatory OCA/USPS-T1—29 was redirected to witness Hope. The interrogatories are stated verbatim and are followed by the responses.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPA-T1-28. Please confirm that the Residual Shape Surcharge is generally assessed on non-letters and flats. If you are unable to confirm, please explain fully.

RESPONSE:

Not confirmed. According to the Domestic Mail Manual section C600.2.0, “[m]ail that is prepared as a parcel or is not letter-size or flat-size as defined in C050 [Mail Processing Categories] is subject to a residual shape surcharge. There is one surcharge for Presorted rate pieces and a different surcharge for Enhanced Carrier Route rate pieces.”

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OCA/USPS-T1-30. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T1-6. You indicate that USPS professionals recall past occasions where they were asked about the “mailability of some variations of ‘CMM’ –round or circular mailpieces.”

- a. Would a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick, 12-inch diameter circle qualify as a CMM mail piece?
- b. If your response to part ‘a’ of this interrogatory is other than affirmative, please fully explain why the mail piece would not qualify.
- c. If a circular mailpiece could qualify as a CMM mailpiece, what would be the smallest diameter allowed?

RESPONSE:

(a) Yes, a circular piece with a thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, and a 12 inch diameter would be eligible for CMM, assuming that it satisfied other applicable mailing requirements. Please see my testimony at p. 11, lines 3-9.

(b) N/A

(c) The smallest permissible diameter for a circle Customized MarketMail piece would be 5 inches. This figure is the minimum proposed piece length for CMM. Please see my testimony at p. 11, lines 3-9.