

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

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 1997 )

Docket No. R97-1

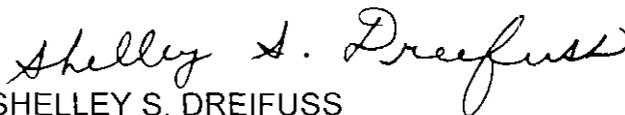
OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS SUSAN W. NEEDHAM  
(OCA/USPS-T39-21-22)  
September 17, 1997

Pursuant to sections 25 and 26 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 1-7 to the United States Postal Service dated July 16, 1997, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL WILLETTE  
Director  
Office of the Consumer Advocate



SHELLEY S. DREIFUSS  
Attorney

OCA/USPS-T39-22. Please refer to the Commission's recommended opinion and decision in Docket No. MC96-3, where it states

The Commission endorses the Postal Service's stated goal of offering one free method of delivery to all customers.

PRC Op. MC96-3, at 63.

- a. Please confirm that the Commission's statement quoted above accurately reflects the Postal Service's position in Docket No. MC96-3. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- b. Please confirm that post office boxholders ineligible for carrier delivery service also have the option of general delivery as an alternative form of free delivery. If you do not confirm, please explain.

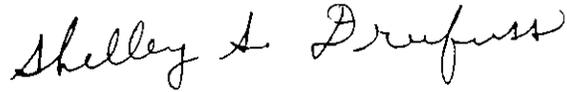
OCA/USPS-T39-22. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T39-2, wherein you declined to confirm that the Postal Service agrees with the Commission's statement that

*The Commission believes it is equitable to offer one post office box at no charge to any customer ineligible for carrier delivery.*

*Since you do not agree with the Commission's statement, please state and explain the Postal Service's affirmative reasons as to why it is offering another type of free delivery in the form of free post office box service to customers ineligible for carrier delivery.*

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 section 12 of the rules of practice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley S. Dreifuss".

SHELLEY S. DREIFUSS  
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