

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268B0001

EXPERIMENTAL PRIORITY MAIL FLAT-RATE
Box, 2004

Docket No. MC2004-2

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-1-6)
(July 6, 2004)

The United States Postal Service hereby files institutional responses to interrogatories of Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-1-6, filed on June 21, 2004.

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

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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DFC/USPS-1. Please provide the percentage reduction in weekly retail window-service hours nationwide since January 1, 2000.

RESPONSE:

Objection filed July 1, 2004.

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DFC/USPS-2. Please provide the number of postal facilities that have parcel chutes or other collection receptacles that will allow customers to deposit either of the proposed Priority Mail flat-rate boxes.

RESPONSE:

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DFC/USPS-3. Please discuss the extent to which customers would be able to deposit postage-paid Priority Mail boxes at post offices without entering the queue for retail window service.

RESPONSE:

The entry of Priority Mail boxes with postage affixed will not change as a result of the introduction of a flat-rate box. See witness Barrett's response to DBP/USPS-T2-7c regarding the entry option for packages with postage affixed.

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DFC/USPS-4. For FY2003, please provide the total number of shipping labels printed with postage and the total number of shipping labels printed without postage at *www.usps.com* for each combination of Priority Mail zone and weight increment.

RESPONSE:

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DFC/USPS-5. If a rate less than \$7.70 for the Priority Mail flat-rate box were approved, please confirm that the Postal Service would have the ability to issue and sell a postage stamp in the exact denomination of the new rate.

RESPONSE:

Not confirmed, at least for the experiment. See witness Scherer's testimony (USPS-T-1, at 5) where he discusses the convenience of the existing stamps, and the potential for a dedicated stamp in the event of a permanent classification.

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DFC/USPS-6. Please provide all facts and information estimating, identifying, or describing the value of the flat-rate aspect of the Priority Mail flat-rate envelope and the value of the flat-rate aspect of the Express Mail flat-rate envelope.

RESPONSE:

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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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