

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 108-18

Docket No. R2005-1

RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
INTERROGATORIES OF DOUGLAS CARLSON
[DFC/USPS-28-29]
(May 18, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the above-listed interrogatories of Douglas Carlson, filed on April 25, 2005. The interrogatory are stated verbatim and are followed by the responses.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON**

DFC/USPS-28. Please provide a further breakdown of the data filed in response to DFC/USPS-4 for mail destined to post-office boxes and mail not destined to post-office boxes.

RESPONSE:

DFC/USPS-4 provided service performance data from the ODIS-RPW and EXFC systems.

ODIS-RPW data cannot be used to estimate transit time information for post-office boxes versus mail not destined to post office boxes because (a) ODIS-RPW sampling units are not defined or classified by delivery unit type such as post office box, carrier route, etc. and (b) no part of a sampled mail piece's mailing address is recorded in ODIS-RPW.

The following table presents EXFC on-time service performance by quarter for FY 2002, FY 2003 and FY 2004. This data is based on a very small sample and cannot be aggregated in a statistically significant way to an annual average. Similarly, service performance is not aggregated for "non PO boxes". The volume sent to PO Boxes is not large enough to represent a meaningful comparison to other delivery methods including non post office box deliveries.

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Response to DFC/USPS-28 continued:

EXFC On-Time Service Performance for Post Office Boxes

	Service Standard		
	Overnight	Two-Day	Three-Day
Quarter	Percent On Time	Percent On Time	Percent On Time
Q1 FY2002	91.02	81.98	70.52
Q2 FY2002	90.98	80.85	70.26
Q3 FY2002	91.85	84.65	81.34
Q4 FY2002	92.90	87.83	85.09
Q1 FY2003	92.10	88.47	85.73
Q2 FY2003	91.78	87.03	80.31
Q3 FY2003	93.22	89.84	87.26
Q4 FY2003	94.31	90.70	89.12
Q1 FY2004	93.64	90.23	84.75
Q2 FY2004	93.92	90.34	83.60
Q3 FY2004	94.03	89.37	86.87
Q4 FY2004	94.17	89.91	87.78

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DFC/USPS-29. Please provide a further breakdown of the data filed in response to DFC/USPS-5 for mail destined to post-office boxes and mail not destined to post-office boxes.

RESPONSE:

DFC/USPS-5 provided service performance data from the ODIS-RPW, PETE, and Delivery Confirmation systems.

ODIS-RPW data cannot be used to estimate transit time information for post-office boxes vs. mail not destined to post office boxes because (a) ODIS-RPW sampling units are not defined or classified by delivery unit type such as post office box, carrier route, etc. and (b) no part of a sampled mail piece's mailing address is recorded in ODIS-RPW.

The PETE report on service performance to post office boxes was discontinued in FY 2002, because there were insufficient data to produce the report. Therefore, the requested data is not available.

For the Delivery Confirmation system, a post office box delivery indicator is not collected at of acceptance for Priority Mail. The delivery record only includes the 5-digit delivery ZIP code which provides insufficient information to distinguish post-office box versus non-post office box deliveries. For many post offices, the same 5-digit ZIP Code is used for both carrier delivery and post office box deliveries.