

**BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001**

**Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2005**

**Docket No. R2005-1**

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS PETER BERNSTEIN  
(DFC/USPS-T8-1-6)**

**June 1, 2005**

Pursuant to sections 25–27 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Peter Bernstein.

The instructions contained in my interrogatories DFC/USPS-1–19 are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 1, 2005

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

**DFC/USPS-T8-1.** Please refer to your testimony at pages 218 and 219.

- a. Are you aware that FedEx C.O.D. service allows the sender to require the recipient to pay using a secured method of payment such as a money order or cashier's check?
- b. Are you aware that Postal Service C.O.D. service does not allow the sender to require the recipient to pay using a secured method of payment such as cash, a money order, or a cashier's check?
- c. Do you agree that the option described in part (a) that FedEx offers may be contributing to the decline in Postal Service C.O.D. volume? If you do not agree, please explain the basis for your answer.

**DFC/USPS-T8-2.** Please refer to your testimony at page 225, lines 3–6. Do you agree that customers can purchase Delivery Confirmation for parcels that are sent as Certified Mail? If not, please explain.

**DFC/USPS-T8-3.** Please refer to your testimony at page 225, lines 9–11. Do you agree that individual mailers who are not bulk mailers may purchase electronic return receipts for \$1.30? If not, please explain.

**DFC/USPS-T8-4.** Please refer to your testimony at page 233, lines 18–19. Please confirm that your testimony does not accurately state the fee for Delivery Confirmation for Priority Mail.

**DFC/USPS-T8-5.** Please refer to your testimony at page 72, lines 23–25. Please confirm that Postal Service sales techniques, including the information provided to

customers during transactions at retail windows, may affect demand for Priority Mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.

**DFC/USPS-T8-6.** Please confirm that the increase in the number of days to delivery caused by a reduction in the volume of Express Mail that is delivered on Sundays and holidays may reduce the demand for Express Mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.