

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

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-45)
(June 2, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of Douglas Carlson, filed on May 17, 2005:

DFC/USPS-45

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

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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DFC/USPS-45. Please identify the volume, percentage, and weight distribution of Priority Mail flat-rate envelopes that were destined to a ZIP Code for which the service standards for Priority Mail and First-Class Mail were identical. The response should provide all available data, including, at a minimum, data derived from transactions at retail terminals. In your response, please separate data derived from transactions at retail terminals from other data.

RESPONSE:

Data on transactions at retail terminals (i.e., POS ONE) are compiled in the Retail Data Mart. Until the Priority Mail flat-rate *box* was introduced on November 20, 2004, records of Priority Mail flat-rate-*envelope* transactions were not considered to be reliable because they were sometimes confused with 1-pound transactions, which carry the same \$3.85 rate. Therefore, the data below are post-November 19, 2004.

From November 20, 2004 through May 31, 2005, a total of 4,953,095 Priority Mail flat-rate envelopes in the range of 0 - 13 ounces (the range over which there are service standards for First-Class Mail) were mailed through retail terminals. Of that total, 2,565,387, or 51.8 percent, had a service standard that was faster than if the piece had been mailed instead as First-Class Mail. The remaining 2,387,708 (48.2 percent) had a service standard identical to the First-Class Mail service standard (on the same route). The distribution of those 2,387,708 pieces by weight increment is as follows:

Ounce Increment	Volume	Percent of Total
1	226,706	9.5%
2	487,797	20.4%
3	338,664	14.2%
4	250,043	10.5%
5	197,959	8.3%
6	165,385	6.9%
7	132,742	5.6%
8	116,618	4.9%
9	111,104	4.7%
10	101,668	4.3%
11	93,000	3.9%
12	85,593	3.6%
13	80,429	3.4%
Total	2,387,708	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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