

Before The  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2005 )

Docket No. R2005-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS KAREN MEEHAN (OCA/USPS-T9-5-6)  
(June 7, 2005)

Pursuant to Rules 25 through 28 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 interrogatory OCA/USPS-T1-1, dated April 12, 2005, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T9-5. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T10-1, redirected from witness Waterbury. Please identify and explain any changes in costing methodology between FY 2000 and FY 2004 that affected the estimation of costs for Registered Mail. Describe the effect of those changes on the cost estimates for Registered Mail.

OCA/USPS-T9-6. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T10-1, redirected from witness Waterbury, and the table on Registered Mail unit costs.

- a. For column [1], "BY 2000 Unit Cost," please confirm that the base year unit costs were calculated by dividing the costs for each cost segment by FY 2000 Registered Mail volume of 8,913,000. (See Docket No. R2001-1, USPS-T-11, Exhibit C, page 4.) If you do not confirm, please explain.
- b. Please confirm that the FY 2000 Registered Mail volume was 8,930,748. (See Docket No. R2001-1, USPS-LR-I-110, Worksheet "Registered Mail," revised January 16, 2002.) If you do not confirm, please explain and reconcile the differences between the cited Registered Mail volumes of 8,913,000 and 8,930,748 for FY 2000.
- c. For column [4], "% Change," please confirm that the percent change in the total unit cost of Registered Mail from BY 2000 to FY 2004 is 71.2  
 $((\$84,619,000 / 8,930,748) / (\$81,269,000 / 5,008,595) - 1)$  percent. If you do not confirm, please explain.