

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

REVISED RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON [ERRATA]
(DFC/USPS-32)
(June 21, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its revised response to interrogatory DFC/USPS-32, filed on May 17, 2005. The revised response adds more information based on a broader reader of the interrogatory.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DFC/USPS-32. Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-10. Does the Postal Service take the position that all employees are abiding by all relevant regulations governing delivery of mail to which a return receipt is attached and that all employees are completing all return receipts properly? Please identify the basis for your response.

RESPONSE:

It is the Postal Service's position that all delivery employees generally attempt to abide by all relevant regulations governing the delivery of mail and proper completion of return receipts. However, the Postal Service has acknowledged in past cases, and continues to maintain in this response, that the practicalities of delivering return receipt mail to high volume addresses may not allow for obtaining signatures on the green card return receipts before the mail is transferred to the recipient. See Docket No. R97-1, USPS-RT-20, at 5-9; Docket No. R2000-1, Tr. 14/5551; LR-I-200, at 18-25; Docket No. R2001-1, Tr. 10-C/3465-3509. Moreover, like any employee performing a detailed, time-sensitive operation, all postal employees may not always abide by every regulation and complete all return receipts properly.