

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2005

Docket No. R2005-1

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
FOLLOW-UP INTERROGATORIES TO THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(DFC/USPS-101-104)**

June 30, 2005

Pursuant to sections 25-27 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit follow-up interrogatories to the United States Postal Service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 30, 2005

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DFC/USPS-101. Please refer to the revised response to DFC/USPS-32 that the Postal Service filed on June 21, 2005.

- a. In instances in which the Postal Service does not obtain signatures on green return-receipt cards before transferring the mail, along with the return-receipt cards, to the recipient, please explain how the Postal Service ensures that the recipient returns every return receipt to the Postal Service.
- b. In instances in which the Postal Service does not obtain signatures on green return-receipt cards before transferring the mail, along with the return-receipt cards, to the recipient, please explain how the Postal Service ensures that the return receipts are filled out completely and correctly.
- c. In instances in which the Postal Service does not obtain signatures on green return-receipt cards before transferring the mail, along with the return-receipt cards, to the recipient, please confirm that the Postal Service would not know if the recipient retained a return receipt and did not return it to the Postal Service. If you do not confirm, please explain.

DFC/USPS-102. Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-145.

- a. Under procedure 1 identified in the response, please explain how the Postal Service ensures that the recipient returns every Certified Mail item to the Postal Service for the Postal Service to scan the Certified Mail item as delivered.
- b. Under procedure 1 identified in the response, please explain how the Postal Service ensures that the date of delivery that is entered into the Postal Service's database is the actual date of delivery.

- c. Please confirm that a failure to scan a Certified Mail item as delivered will prevent a customer from receiving an electronic return receipt that he may have purchased.
- d. Please confirm that a failure to enter the actual date of delivery of a Certified Mail item into the Postal Service's database will cause an electronic return receipt that the customer may have purchased to show the wrong date of delivery.
- e. Under procedure 2, please explain how the Postal Service ensures that the IRS returns every return receipt to the Postal Service and that the IRS stamps the correct date of receipt on the return receipts.

DFC/USPS-103. Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-T24-4. Please provide the Postal Service's estimate of the actual cost in the base year and test year for transmitting signatures by e-mail to customers who purchase Signature Confirmation and electronic return receipts.

DFC/USPS-104. Please confirm that the Postal Service stated in Docket No. R2001-1 that it would transmit signatures by a digitally secure, encrypted method to customers who purchase Signature Confirmation and electronic return receipts. If you confirm, please explain how, when, and why this plan changed. If you do not confirm, please state how the Postal Service described the transmission method in Docket No. R2001-1.