

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

OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
INTERROGATORIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
(OCA/USPS-196-207)

The OCA filed the attached interrogatories on August 19, 2005. Discovery on the Postal Service's case ended over two months prior to that date. The interrogatories do not purport to, and indeed do not, follow up on previous responses. They do not appear, nor do they purport, to be needed so that the OCA can rebut an intervenor's direct case. Instead, they seek explanations regarding testimony submitted with the Request and pose hypotheticals premised on the passage of proposed legislation that has not become law. For these reasons, the Postal Service objects to these questions as untimely and unauthorized.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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