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OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
NOTICE OF RELEASE OF PAPER ON  
VOLUME VARIABILITY OF MAIL PROCESSING  
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The Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby announces that it has posted a paper on its website<sup>1</sup> entitled “An Economic Framework for Modeling Mail Processing Costs.” This paper will be the subject of a seminar and workshop on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Postal Rate Commission.<sup>2</sup> This paper is an update of a paper presented in 2002<sup>3</sup> by Mark Roberts, a professor of economics at Pennsylvania State University.

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<sup>1</sup> The new paper is at <http://www.prc.gov/OCA/papers/framework/mailprocessfinal.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> See Office of the Consumer Advocate Notice of Seminar and Workshop on Volume Variability of Mail Processing, February 27, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> The 2002 paper is available at <http://www.prc.gov/OCA/papers/LaborDemand/labordemand.pdf>  
An audio file of the 2002 seminar is at <http://realserver.prc.gov/ramgen/archive/OCA-06-20-02.rm>