

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS THOMAS M. SCHERER (DFC/USPS-T33-1-7)**

June 2, 2006

Pursuant to sections 25–27 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Thomas M. Scherer.

The instructions accompanying DFC/USPS-T34-1–4 are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 2, 2006

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

DFC/USPS-T33-1. Please refer to your testimony at pages 57–58. Please provide the premium that you propose for the flat-rate box.

DFC/USPS-T33-2. Please refer to your testimony at page 31, lines 7–8. Do you believe that “simply adding a footnote to the rate schedule” will adequately inform users of the mail of the shift to dim-weighting in the pricing of Priority Mail — a practice that you admit at page 27, lines 17–18 will represent “somewhat of a culture change to the Postal Service”?

DFC/USPS-T33-3. Please refer to your testimony at page 29, lines 16–17. Please explain the basis for your belief that Priority Mail offers “a relatively high degree of reliability[.]”

DFC/USPS-T33-4. Please refer to your testimony at page 11. In which year were Priority Mail service standards changed to make Priority Mail primarily a two-day service (measured by the service standard applying to a majority of origin-destination ZIP Code pairs) while First-Class Mail remained primarily a three-day service?

DFC/USPS-T33-5. Please provide examples of zone 5 Priority Mail shipments that are transported by truck.

DFC/USPS-T33-6. Please provide the weight distribution of Priority Mail flat-rate envelopes.

DFC/USPS-T33-7. Is all zone 4 Priority Mail transported by truck? If not, please explain.