

**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 DREW MITCHUM (DFC/USPS-T40-1-7)**

June 2, 2006

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 2, 2006

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

DFC/USPS-T40-1. Please explain why your proposal to raise the minimum fee from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for a low-volume customer who wants to use Confirm service would be fair.

DFC/USPS-T40-2. Please confirm that your proposal for Confirm fees reflects a decision by the Postal Service not to make Confirm readily available or accessible to individual postal customers who are not businesses. If you do not confirm, please explain.

DFC/USPS-T40-3. Please provide the percentage of customers who purchase insurance who also purchase Delivery Confirmation for the same item.

DFC/USPS-T40-4. Please confirm that all costs associated with scanning insured items and collecting any necessary signature are included in the cost of insurance.

DFC/USPS-T40-5. Please confirm that postal employees have access to the date and time of delivery of insured items, and yet the Postal Service does not provide this information to the public. If you do not confirm, please explain.

DFC/USPS-T40-6. Please refer to your testimony at page 26, lines 21–24. Please define “General Insurance.”

DFC/USPS-T40-7. Please refer to your testimony at page 26, lines 21–24. Please confirm that a record showing the date and time of delivery will, in fact, be retained by the Postal Service for all insured items, including those valued under \$200. If you do not confirm, please explain.