

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS TAUFIQUE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-T48-25)

The United States Postal Service hereby files the response of witness Altaf H. Taufique to the above listed interrogatory of Douglas Carlson, filed on August 28, 2006. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DFC/USPS-T48-25. Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-T48-24. Assume that the Postal Service implements the rates and classifications requested in Docket No. R2006-1, and the new rate for single-piece one-ounce First-Class letters is 42 cents in 2008. A customer purchases a "Forever Stamp" in 2008 for 42 cents. If the prevailing rate for single-piece one-ounce First-Class letters in 2010 is 45 cents, please provide the postage value, if any, to which this customer's "Forever Stamp" will contribute to the total postage required for each of the following mail pieces if the customer affixes the "Forever Stamp" to the mail piece and attempts to mail it in 2010:

- a. A two-ounce single-piece First-Class letter;
- b. A two-ounce single-piece First-Class flat;
- c. A post card;
- d. A Priority Mail letter;
- e. An Express Mail flat-rate envelope;
- f. A single-piece Bound Printed Matter flat.

RESPONSE:

a - f. The Forever Stamp is intended for single-piece First-Class Mail letters weighing up to one ounce. The applications listed above are therefore all unintended. In addition, the situation described is during the Forever Stamp's second rate cycle, after the first-ounce letter rate has been increased from Docket No. R2006-1's proposed 42 cents, to 45 cents (hypothetically). The Postal Service has not made a final determination about postage credit for unintended applications beyond the first rate cycle. Please see the responses to DBP/USPS-510[b] and DBP/USPS-547 through 549.