

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

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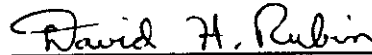
The United States Postal Service hereby files an attachment that was omitted from its interrogatory DFC/USPS-T1-19(b) to Douglas F. Carlson, filed yesterday. The attachment is attached.^{1/}

Respectfully submitted,

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^{1/} Unless counsel leaves it on his chair again.

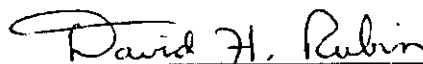
Answer of Richard Patelunas to the Interrogatories of
Office of the Consumer Advocate
to United States Postal Service

OCA/USPS-T5-11 continued:

It is also possible that postal cards are misidentified as private cards during data collection. The relatively small volume of postal cards compared to the total volume of cards processed could cause data collection errors biased towards categorizing cards as private even if they aren't. This is not a new development nor has it gone unnoticed. Since Fiscal Year 1990, the unit cost of postal cards has been less than one-half of the unit cost of private cards. A remedy to the misidentification problem is proposed in this case: simply treat cards as cards without the postal-private distinction. As this question seems to postulate, there should be no distinction in costs other than the manufacturing costs. Providing a special service line item for stamped cards similar to stamped envelopes accomplishes this.

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David H. Rubin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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