

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

SIX-DAY TO FIVE-DAY CARRIER DELIVERY
AND RELATED SERVICE CHANGES, 2010

Docket No. N2010-1

OBJECTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
DOUGLAS CARLSON INTERROGATORY DFC/USPS-18(b)-(d)
(May 3, 2010)

In accordance with Rule 26(c) of the Postal Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States Postal Service hereby files the following objection to the above-listed interrogatory submitted by Douglas Carlson on April 21, 2010. The relevant portions of the interrogatory are reprinted below, with the reason for objecting following.

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- b. Please confirm that, in 2008, an outbound First-Class Mail International letter mailed in San Francisco and destined to Tokyo, Japan, would have been dispatched from San Francisco to Tokyo.
- c. Please identify the extent to which delivery times for outbound First- Class Mail International letters and flats have increased as a result of the decision to route this mail through the New York JFK ISC.
- d. Please identify the service area of each ISC.

The Postal Service objects to questions (b) and (c) because they are irrelevant to the issues raised by the request in this docket. This docket concerns a nationwide Postal Service plan to eliminate or reduce certain operations, including collection from street addresses and dispatch to processing plants, on Saturdays. It does not concern

a routing change from 2008, which has already been discussed in past annual compliance proceedings. While questions as to current operations might arguably be relevant for comparison with the state of operations after the implementation of the plan at issue in this proceeding, it is unclear how a comparison of International Service Center (ISC) operations before and after a 2008 routing change is relevant to the subject matter of the instant request for an advisory opinion.

The Postal Service lodges a partial objection with respect to question (d), as it is unclear how the service area of each ISC is relevant to the proposal to implement the relevant operational changes. The Postal Service nevertheless intends to provide a response to this question, but this discretionary response should not be viewed as a waiver of any objection to further questions in this vein.

Respectfully submitted,

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