

Before the
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Shipping Charges for Personalized
Stamped Envelopes

Docket No. MC2010-23

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS
IN RESPONSE TO ORDER No. 450
(May 19, 2010)

The Postal Service has requested that shipping charges be added to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) section dealing with stamped envelopes.¹ These charges apply to orders of personalized stamped envelopes. These charges are set forth in ordering instructions for Personalized Stamped Envelopes but do not appear in the pricing section for stamped envelopes in the MCS. Pursuant to Order No. 450,² The Public Representative submits comments.

The proposed MCS language faithfully tracks the charges shown on the ordering instructions.³ However, the charges themselves are irrational. The incremental charge⁴ for a third, fourth, or seventh box of 50 is \$1.00. The incremental charge for a sixth or eighth box is \$0.50. The incremental charge for a second box is \$1.40. The incremental charge for a fifth box is \$2.00. The incremental charge for a ninth box is

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Classification Change to Add Existing Shipping Charges to the Mail Classification Schedule Section for Stamped Envelopes, April 26, 2010.

² Notice and Order of Classification Change to Add Existing Shipping Charges for Stamped Envelopes to the Mail Classification Schedule, April 28, 2010.

³ Compare April 26 Notice, Attachment A *with id.*, Attachment B.

⁴ Incremental charge is the difference between two adjacent quantities. *E.g.*, for the second box, the incremental charge is the difference between the charge for the second box and the charge for the first box—*i.e.*, \$1.40.

\$0.60. The Commission may wish to initiate a rate case to rationalize these shipping charges.

Respectfully submitted,

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