

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES

Docket No. R2005-1

**Major Mailers Association's
First Set Of Interrogatories And Document Production Requests To
United States Postal Service Witness Altaf H. Taufique (MMA/USPS-T28-1)
(June 3, 2005)**

Pursuant to Rules 25 and 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, Major Mailers Association submits the following interrogatories and document production requests to United States Postal Service Witness Altaf H. Taufique (MMA/USPS-T28-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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Please refer to your proposed rates for First-Class letters, especially as they pertain to the first and second ounces.

- A. Please confirm that the Postal Service has proposed to increase the rate digression between the first ounce and second ounce for First-Class letters. If you cannot confirm, please explain.
- B. Please review the following table of current and proposed rates and digressions between and either confirm that the numbers are correct or make any necessary corrections.

First-Class Rate Category	Current First-Ounce Rate	Current Second-Ounce Rate	Current Rate Digression	Proposed First-Ounce Rate	Proposed Second-Ounce Rate	Proposed Rate Digression
Single Piece	37.0	23.0	62%	39.0	24.0	65%
Presorted	35.2	22.5	64%	37.1	23.7	67%
Mixed AADC	30.9	22.5	73%	32.6	23.7	77%
AADC	30.1	22.5	75%	31.7	23.7	79%
3 Digit	29.2	22.5	77%	30.8	23.7	81%
5 Digit	27.8	22.5	81%	29.3	23.7	85%
Carrier Route	27.5	22.5	82%	29.0	23.7	86%

- C. Please confirm that for standard automation and regular letters, the rate digression between the first and second ounces is 0 %. If you cannot confirm, please explain.
- D. Please explain the rationale for increasing the rate digression between the first and second ounces for single piece and workshare First-Class letters.
- E. Please explain the rationale for why First-Class workshare letters should have a significantly higher rate digression between the first and second ounces than single piece letters have.