

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 CUTTING TO
INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-T26-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby files the response of Witness Cutting to the above-listed interrogatory, filed on June 1, 2006.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the responses.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please refer to your testimony at page 12, lines 1–4. Please explain how the 4-state bar code will allow PARS to identify letters that require an electronic notice.

RESPONSE:

Once PARS is fully deployed with the ability to read and process 4-state barcodes, it is my understanding that PARS-enabled sorting equipment will identify machinable UAA letters that require an electronic address correction notice (i.e., Address Change Service (ACS) letters) by reading customer- and mail piece-specific ACS codes which will be embedded in the barcode itself. Processing computers will then match this information to the appropriate mailer and send an electronic address correction notice. This process will apply to all types of machinable UAA letters, whether initially intercepted by PARS-enabled sorting equipment or identified by carriers and other personnel at the delivery unit associated with the original address on the UAA mail piece.

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.

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