

**BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001**

**Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2006**

**Docket No. R2006-1**

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
(DFC/USPS-29-34)**

**June 13, 2006**

Pursuant to sections 25–27 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit interrogatories to the United States Postal Service.

The instructions accompanying DFC/USPS-T34-1–4 are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 13, 2006

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

**DFC/USPS-29.** With reference to specific automated postal equipment, please describe how the Postal Service will process a stamped First-Class #10 envelope that weighs between 1.1 and 2.0 ounces and that is 0.3 inches thick. Assume that the letter is deposited loose in a collection box. In your response, with reference, as appropriate, to testimony filed in this docket, please identify which shape-based cost estimate would apply to this #10 envelope and which rate would apply.

**DFC/USPS-30.** With reference, as appropriate, to testimony filed in this docket, please provide and compare the cost of processing a stamped 9" x 12" envelope containing four sheets of letter-size paper that weighs between 1.1 and 2.0 ounces, a stamped First-Class #10 envelope that weighs between 1.1 and 2.0 ounces and that is 0.3 inches thick, and a two-ounce small parcel that is one inch thick. Assume that each item is deposited loose in a collection box.

**DFC/USPS-31.** Please identify all letter-mail automation equipment that can and does process mail that is more than 0.25 inches thick and all letter-mail automation equipment that cannot process mail that is more than 0.25 inches thick.

**DFC/USPS-32.** Please provide the maximum thickness of mail that can be processed by all letter-mail automation equipment (e.g., MLOCR, DBCS, etc.) other than the AFCS.

**DFC/USPS-33.** Please confirm that a two-ounce #10 envelope that is 0.3 inches thick that is entered as bulk metered mail and that bypasses the AFCS operation can be processed as readily and successfully on automation as a one-ounce #10 envelope that is less than 0.25 inches thick. If you do not confirm, please explain.

**DFC/USPS-34.** Please describe how the Postal Service processes #10 envelopes that are too thick for automation, and please provide the shape-based cost for processing this mail.