

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before The
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Experimental Parcel Return Services)

Docket No. MC2003-2

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORY TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS JAMES M. KIEFER
(OCA/USPS-T3-14)
June 18, 2003

Pursuant to Rules 25 through 28 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits an interrogatory and a request for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-T1-1-23 dated June 6, 2003, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T3-14. The following interrogatory relates to the inclusion of the costs of electronic Delivery Confirmation in Parcel Select RDU and RBMC rates.

- a. Please confirm that the cost of electronic delivery confirmation is currently reflected in the costs and rates of the existing Parcel Select rates. If you are unable to confirm, please explain.
- b. As a simple summary of the method used to develop Parcel Select RDU and RBMC rates, please confirm that the following is correct: (1) you developed forecasted Parcel Select RDU and RBMC volumes; (2) you determined the cost savings for RDU and RBMC products; and (3) you developed a discount reflecting the passthrough of a portion of the mail processing and transportation RDU and RBMC savings which was then subtracted from the current Parcel Select rates to derive the proposed parcel return rates? If you are unable to confirm, please explain.
- c. Please confirm that your proposed discounted rates continue to include the cost of providing electronic Delivery Confirmation. If you are unable to confirm, please provide a summary of your methodology.