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OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE NOTICE OF
AVAILABILITY OF TRANSCRIPTS AND AUDIO ARCHIVES OF THE
MARCH 14, 2006, PRESENTATION OF PROFESSOR MARK ROBERTS
March 17, 2006

The Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby announces that it has posted archival material that will allow anyone interested in Professor Mark Roberts' explanation of his econometric analysis of the volume variability of mail processing costs to review the remarks he made during a seminar and workshop that took place on March 14, 2006. The workshop archives also contain informative statements made by other individuals who were willing to share facts and opinions concerning mail processing activities and costs.

Professor Roberts' paper is entitled "An Economic Framework for Modeling Mail Processing Costs." This paper is an update of a paper presented in 2002¹ by Mark Roberts, a professor of economics at Pennsylvania State University.

The "Consumer Advocate/OCA Papers" section of the Commission website now contains all materials, both hard copy and audio, that will allow an interested observer to review all of the information presented and exchanged during the morning and afternoon sessions of March 14. These materials are as follows:

¹ The 2002 paper is available at <http://www.prc.gov/OCA/papers/LaborDemand/labordemand.pdf>
An audio file of the 2002 seminar is at <http://realserver.prc.gov/ramgen/archive/OCA-06-20-02.rm>

1. Professor Roberts' paper.
2. His datafiles in xls, asc, and pdf format.
3. His model.
4. An audio record of the seminar.
5. A transcript of the seminar.
6. Slides shown at the seminar.
7. An audio record of the workshop.
8. A transcript of the workshop.

All can be accessed at:

<http://www.prc.gov/main.asp?Left=OCA.asp&Right=../OCA/OCAIndex.htm>

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