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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2006)

Docket No. R2006-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS MICHAEL D. BRADLEY (OCA/USPS-T17-1-2)
(June 13, 2006)

Pursuant to Rules 25 through 28 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-T32-1-7, dated June 2, 2006, are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T17-1. The purpose of this interrogatory is to obtain information on the EViews files which you use in Library References USPS-LR-L-80 and USPS-LR-L-81. OCA does not have access to a copy of EViews that will permit us to open the files, to read the files or to run EViews programs. We do not have any experience with the program. Accordingly, the following questions are necessary.

- (a) Please provide a printout of the EViews files in Library Reference USPS-LR-L-80. It appears that the output information is in the library reference. Please confirm this. If you do not confirm, please explain in detail. Please also provide the appropriate EViews files that are computer inputs, programs, or program logs. In addition, please explain the definition of intermediate variables created by the program.
- (b) Please provide a printout of the EViews files in Library Reference USPS-LR-L-81. Again, it appears that output information is in the library reference; please confirm this. If you do not confirm, please explain in detail. Please also provide the appropriate EViews files that are computer inputs, programs, or program logs. Please provide explanations of the content of the various documents and intermediate variables (if any).
- (c) Assuming that some of the EViews files are computer programs, please provide the programs in SAS if this is feasible.
- (d) If your answer to (c) is that providing SAS programs is infeasible, please provide a step-by-step statement of the computational, data, formatting, and other steps that your EViews program(s) is (are) performing. Please

provide references to the literature if the statistical techniques go beyond techniques which you have previously filed in testimony before the Commission in this or other cases. This information needs to be sufficiently detailed so that the work can be put in SAS form.

OCA/USPS-T17-2. As your testimony indicates, you have appeared before the Commission on a number of occasions. Many of the studies which you have presented have been programmed in SAS.

- (a) For this study, you have switched to EViews. Please explain your decision to use EViews rather than SAS in developing the study.
- (b) Is there some type of procedure that EViews performs more readily and/or accurately than SAS? If your answer is affirmative, please explain.