

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 TAUFIQUE
TO INTERROGATORY OF THE PITNEY BOWES INC.
(PB/USPS-T32-60)

The United States Postal Service hereby files the response of witness
Altaf H. Taufique to the following interrogatory of Pitney Bowes Inc.:
PB/USPS-T32-60, filed on June 22, 2006.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and are followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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PB/USPS-T32-60. Please refer to USPS-LR-L-129, WP-FCM-91:

- a. Please confirm that under the current rate structure, the additional ounce rate for First-Class Mail Non-automation Presort Letters is \$.237.
- b. Please confirm that under the current rate structure, the additional ounce rate for First-Class Mail Automation Letters is \$.237.
- c. Please confirm that under the proposed rate structure, the additional ounce rate for First-Class Mail Non-automation Presort Letters is \$.200.
- d. Please confirm that under the proposed rate structure, the additional ounce rate for First-Class Mail Automation Letters is \$.155.
- e. Please provide and describe any information collected or studies undertaken by the Postal Service to assess the impact on the mailing community of the proposed differential pricing of additional ounce rates for Automation and Non-automation Presort First-Class Mail Letters.
- f. If the Postal Service did not attempt to assess the impact of the proposed differential pricing of additional ounce rates for Automation and Non-Automation Presort First-Class Letters, please explain why not.

RESPONSE

- a. Confirmed
- b. Confirmed.
- c. Confirmed.
- d. Confirmed.
- e. The Postal Service did not conduct studies to assess the impact on the mailing community of the proposed differential pricing of additional ounce rates for Automation and Non-Automation Presort First-Class Letters.
- f. The rationale for proposed additional ounce rates is described in my testimony USPS-T-32 on pages 38 and 39. These proposals did not require a specific study “to assess the impact on the mailing community of the proposed differential pricing of additional ounce rates for Automation and Non-Automation Presort First-Class Letters.”