

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

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INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(DFC/USPS-37-48)**

July 10, 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: July 10, 2006

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DFC/USPS-37. Please explain how letters that are too thick to be processed on any Postal Service automated equipment are processed.

DFC/USPS-38. Please explain how the Postal Service's proposal to apply the rate for flats to letters that are too thick for any Postal Service automated equipment reflects the processing environment for these letters and the costs that these letters incur.

DFC/USPS-39. Please explain how letters that fail to meet the criteria for machinability will be processed.

DFC/USPS-40. Please explain how the Postal Service's proposal to apply the rate for flats to letters that fail to meet the criteria for machinability reflects the processing environment for these letters and the costs that these letters incur.

DFC/USPS-41. Please refer to USPS-T-38 at page 6, fn. 2. Please provide all documents relating to the proposed regulation to require postage for Bound Printed Matter to be paid by customer-generated postage meter or permit imprint.

DFC/USPS-42. Please refer to USPS-T-38 at page 6, fn. 2. Please explain why the proposed regulation to require postage for Bound Printed Matter to be paid by customer-generated postage meter or permit imprint would be consistent with DMCS section 3040.

DFC/USPS-43. Please assume that a participant will file testimony in this docket proposing a new DMCS section to provide that the Postal Service must offer to customers at retail facilities all classifications for which a single-piece rate category exists in the DMCS and for which an item presented for mailing may be eligible. Please identify all retail practices, policies, or programs — including, but not limited to, sales goals or quotas requiring Postal Service employees to sell particular quantities of certain products — that the Postal Service believes that this proposed DMCS section would affect.

DFC/USPS-44. Please confirm that a policy or practice exists to discourage window clerks from selling Parcel Post. If you do not confirm, please explain.

DFC/USPS-45. Please confirm that a policy or practice, such as, but not limited to, sales goals or quotas, exists to encourage or require window clerks to sell Priority Mail or Express Mail instead of other services such as Parcel Post.

DFC/USPS-46. Please confirm that post offices in some cities have modified blue street collection boxes to restrict the size, compared to the boxes' original design, of items that can be deposited in the boxes. If you confirm, please identify the maximum height of an item that can be inserted in the box through the top lid and through any snorkel. If you do not confirm, please explain.

DFC/USPS-47. Please identify all postal services that are “commercial products” within the meaning of the response to DFC/USPS-T38-12.

DFC/USPS-48. Please refer to USPS-T-38 at page 6, fn. 2. Please explain why the proposed regulation to require postage for Bound Printed Matter to be paid by customer-generated postage meter or permit imprint would not cause undue or unreasonable discrimination among users of the mail within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. § 403(c).