

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006:

Docket No. R2006-1

**INTERROGATORIES DIRECTED BY THE MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES, INC.
TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS TANG
MH/USPS-T35-16-17**

Pursuant to Rules 25, 26 and 27 of the Rules of Practice, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. directs the following interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Rachel Tang (USPS-T-35). To the extent that the witness is unable to provide a full response, please provide a response by the witness best able to respond or by the Postal Service as an institution.

Respectfully submitted,

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MH/USPS-T35-16. Please refer to USPS-LR-L-158, Standard Operating Procedures for Periodicals Processing, at page 3. The second paragraph discusses a new requirement (effective July 6, 2006) that Periodicals mailers separate out origin mixed ADC flats from other mixed ADC flats – “[s]plitting the pieces into two separate bundles and the bundles into two separate sacks” – so that origin mixed ADC flats (having destinations closer to the entry office than other mixed ADC flats) can be sent to facilities designated in labeling list L201 for processing with First-Class mail receiving surface transportation, while other mixed mail sacks are sent to more distant facilities. (See also *Postal Bulletin* 22166 [10-27-05] at page 6). Please state whether the proposed 85¢ container charge would be applied to both origin mixed ADC sacks and other mixed ADC sacks that, under the new rule, mailers are no longer permitted to consolidate, and explain the rationale fully.

MH/USPS-T35-17. Please explain whether it may be practicable and appropriate to establish a discount from the proposed container charge in circumstances such as those described in MH/USPS-T35-16 and/or MH/USPS-T35-5.