

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
(OCA/USPS-19-21)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, filed on July 7, 2006: OCA/USPS-19-21.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-19. Does the Postal Service have a policy (as opposed to legal) position with respect to the value of the Private Express Statutes (see 39 C.F.R. § 310.2) to the Postal Service and/or the general public? If so, please describe that policy and explain its rationale. If not, please explain why the Postal Service would be indifferent to, or in favor of, repeal of the Private Express Statutes.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service has no policy on the value of the law. That does not mean that the Postal Service would be indifferent to, or in favor of, the law's hypothetical repeal. The Postal Service cannot speculate on what its position would be on legislation without knowing the specific provisions and circumstances of a proposed legislative change.

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OCA/USPS-20. Does the Postal Service have a policy (as opposed to legal) position with respect to the value of its Universal Service Obligation (see 39 U.S.C. §§ 101(a), 403) to the Postal Service and/or the general public? If so, please describe that policy and explain its rationale. If not, please explain why the Postal Service would be indifferent to, or in favor of, repeal of its Universal Service Obligation.

RESPONSE:

Please see the response to OCA/USPS-19.

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OCA/USPS-21. Does the Postal Service have a policy (as opposed to legal) position with respect to the value of Uniform First-Class rates (with respect to distance; see 39 U.S.C. §3623(d)) to the Postal Service and/or the general public? If so, please describe that policy and explain its rationale. If not, please explain why the Postal Service would be indifferent to, or in favor of, repeal of Uniform First-Class rates.

RESPONSE:

Please see the response to OCA/USPS-19.