

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF AMAZON.COM, INC.  
(AMZ/USPS-1)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of Amazon.com, Inc., filed on July 11, 2006: AMZ/USPS-1.

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

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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**AMZ/USPS-1.** Please provide the average hourly wage, including fringe benefits, for clerk and mailhandlers for the following fiscal years:

- a. 1980
- b. 1985
- c. 1990
- d. 1995
- e. 2000
- f. 2005

**Response:**

The average hourly wage, including fringe benefits, for clerk and mailhandlers is provided in the following table.

	Clerk	Mail Handler
FY 1980	\$ 2.52	\$ 12.19
FY 1985	\$ 6.60	\$ 16.30
FY 1990	\$ 20.80	\$ 20.53
FY 1995	\$ 3.54	\$ 22.25
FY 2000	\$ 7.31	\$ 26.06
FY 2005	\$ 4.34	\$ 32.70

All clerk rates are for Clerks, CAG A-J.

The wage rates for FY 2005 are from R2006-1, Library Reference 50, Chapter IX, Section B, Productive Hourly Rates. Productive Hourly Rates are the cost of all salaries and benefits including leave, divided by the number of hours worked.

The wage rates for FY 2000 are from R2001-1, Library Reference 50, Chapter IX, Section B, Productive Hourly Rates.

The wage rates for FY's 1995, 1990, 1985 and 1980 are from the National Payroll Hours Summary Report. The National Payroll Hours Summary Report does not include travel and relocation as the Productive Hourly Rates calculation does.

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Additionally, the National Payroll Hours Summary Report is a Pay Period report that reports on a postal fiscal year basis rather than a government fiscal year basis. These two differences result in very minor differences (a few cents) from traditional rate case Productive Hourly Rates. Clerks A-J is calculated as (Clerks, A-J, Bargaining Subtotal, Ref 440 + Clerks, A-J, Casual, Ref 450).