

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 DOUGLAS CARLSON  
(DFC/USPS-82 AND 83)

The United States Postal Service hereby files its institutional responses to the following interrogatories of Douglas Carlson, filed on November 22, 2006.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS CARLSON**

**DFC/USPS-82.** Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-78(c), the response to DFC/USPS-80(b), the sentence “Once purchased, the Stamp may be used for first-ounce letter postage at any time in the future, regardless of the prevailing rate at the time of use” that witness Taufique proposed for DMCS section 241, and proposed DMM section 604.1.10, which appears in the notice published at 71 Fed. Reg. 56,587 on September 27, 2006. Please confirm that proposed DMCS section 241 could reasonably be interpreted to permit customers to use a “Forever Stamp” on First-Class letters only, to the exclusion of other classes or shapes of mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.

**RESPONSE**

Not if read in conjunction with the record in this docket, the proposed DMM language and other materials that the Postal Service intends to publish in conjunction with the implementation of the Forever Stamp, if it is recommended and approved as proposed.

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**DFC/USPS-83.** Please refer to the response to DFC/USPS-78(c), the response to DFC/USPS-80(b), the sentence “Once purchased, the Stamp may be used for first-ounce letter postage at any time in the future, regardless of the prevailing rate at the time of use” that witness Taufique proposed for DMCS section 241, and proposed DMM section 604.1.10, which appears in the notice published at 71 Fed. Reg. 56,587 on September 27, 2006. Please confirm that proposed DMCS section 241 could properly be interpreted to permit customers to use a “Forever Stamp” on First-Class letters only, to the exclusion of other classes or shapes of mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.

**RESPONSE**

Not confirmed. See the responses to DFC/USPS-80(b), DFC/USPS-81, and DFC/USPS-82.