

Proposed Increases To The Cost Of Postage Stamps

Dear Ms Merifield,

I have no objection to the basic level of postage going up from 45c to 50c. It is the second level I am worried about.

Today, the lowest rate for larger items is 98 c, which means that I can't put two 45c stamps on the envelope - I have to use three, worth \$1.35. Many people keep a stock of 45c stamps at home, but nobody keeps a stock of 49c or 98c stamps.

Can we ensure that the new second level rate is exactly twice (or less than twice) the basic rate.

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