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Dear Postage Meter Customer:

As a follow up to my letter issued in November 2005, we would like to again remind you that December 31, 2006, is the deadline for Phase III postage meters to be withdrawn from service and taken off the market. In response to questions received since this date was first published December 2001, I would like to clarify what this date means:

- Phase III postage meters must be removed from your place of business and returned to your postage meter manufacturer by December 31, 2006;
- You will not be able to reset your Phase III postage meter after December 31, 2006;
- Refunds for unused postage remaining on a Phase III postage meter will not be refunded after ninety (90) days from December 31, 2006.

You are encouraged to contact your commercial postage meter representative as soon as possible in order to avoid service disruptions. The companies mailing system representatives have received specialized training to answer questions about replacement meters and the decertification process.

Since December 2001, notifications and articles have been published in the Federal Register Notices, Postal Bulletin Notices, and as well as various industry publications. General information on digital technology and postage meter decertification can be found on the USPS internet site at www.usps.com/postagesolutions/flash.htm. At this site, you will find a list of Phase III meters by manufacturer and model numbers, decertification schedules, and a listing of U.S. Postal Service approved meter vendors.

The postage meter transition is a more secure digital technology which ensures susceptibility from tampering, counterfeit or misuse. The U.S. Postal Service regrets any inconvenience this may cause, however, we must take steps to secure and protect revenue.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Lord", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel J. Lord
Manager