

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2006]

DOCKET NO. R2006-1

INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
[DBP/USPS-272-275]

David B. Popkin hereby requests the United States Postal Service to answer, fully and completely, the following interrogatories pursuant to Rules 25 and 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. To reduce the volume of paper, I have combined related requests into a single numbered interrogatory; however, I am requesting that a specific response be made to each separate question asked. To the extent that a reference is made in the responses to a Library Reference, I would appreciate receiving a copy of the reference since I am located at a distance from Washington, DC. Any reference to testimony should indicate the page and line numbers. The instructions contained in the interrogatories DFC/USPS-1-18 in Docket C2001-1, dated May 19, 2001, are incorporated herein by reference. In accordance with the provisions of Rule 25[b], I am available for informal discussion to respond to your request to "clarify questions and to identify portions of discovery requests considered overbroad or burdensome."

July 13, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-272

Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-114.

[a] Please explain the types of mail and the conditions under which the 4-state barcode will be affixed to the mailpiece.

[b] Please discuss any plans for the expansion of the use of 4-state barcodes by the Postal Service.

DBP/USPS-273

Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-114

subpart f.

[a] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that the Postal Service does not utilize the 4-state barcode to sort or route [in a manner similar to the sorting that is accomplished with the POSTNET barcode] the mailpieces to which the codes have been affixed.

[b] Please explain how the Postal Service expects to improve mail service by analyzing the information contained in the 4-state barcode.

DBP/USPS-274 Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-114.

[a] Please explain how it is possible when manually decoding a 4-state barcode to determine which bar represents the first or starting bar and which bar represents the last or ending bar, i.e. how does one orient the bar code to properly decode it.

[b] Please list the total number of bars that appear in each of the types of a properly applied 4-state barcode.

[c] Under what conditions will fewer bars exist in a barcode affixed to a mailpiece.

[d] How does one manually decode a barcode that has fewer bars than noted in the response to subpart b.

DBP/USPS-275 Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-114 subpart h. Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that there is no planned reduction in the use of POSTNET barcodes or the ID Tag [orange RBCS markings]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

David B. Popkin July 13, 2006
