

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 DAVID B. POPKIN  
(DBP/USPS-259)  
(July 25, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its institutional response to the above-listed interrogatory, filed on July 11, 2006.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Please refer to the response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-107 subparts a and c.

[a] Please explain the apparent contradiction between these two subparts where subpart a states that maintenance and spare parts have been reduced and subpart c which states that it does not affect the cost of mail processing.

[b] What cost savings are expected to be realized on an annual basis?

**RESPONSE:**

- (a) The Ink Jet Cancellor does not affect the costs of direct mail processing activities. However, it does affect general mail processing costs, by reducing maintenance and spare parts costs.
- (b) The Postal Service expects to produce an annual savings of approximately 62,000 maintenance workhours and \$4 million in spare part costs.