

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

COMPELLED RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-257)
(September 5, 2006)

In accordance with Presiding Officers Ruling No. R2006-1/1-55, 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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DBP/USPS-257 Please reconcile the apparent difference between the response to Interrogatory GCA/USPS-T42-6 which states that the new postmark includes the "Time in hours, minutes (HH:MM) using military time or PM designation" and the response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-106 subpart a which states that "The time is shown as AM or PM" and subpart b which states, in effect, that specific numerical times are not shown.

Response:

The cancellation mark produced by the inkjet canceller, as deployed, only shows AM or PM, not the actual numeric time. When the production requirements for the inkjet canceller were ultimately finalized, it was decided to only print AM or PM similar to the old cancellation die.