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Docket No. MC96-3

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POSTMASTERS OF THE U.S.
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS LYONS
(NAPUS/USPS-T1-3)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory of the National Association of Postmasters of the U.S.: NAPUS/USPS-T1-3, filed on July 31, 1996, and redirected from witness Lyons.

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

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

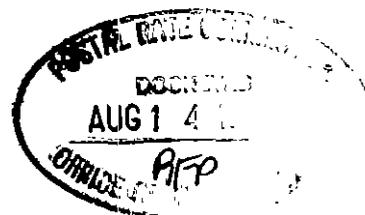
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NAPUS/USPS-T1-3. Does the USPS intend to extend rural routes to cover those customers who opt for service but are currently outside the limits of the rural route? Under what circumstances would routes be extended?

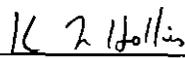
RESPONSE:

Customers may request the extension of delivery by submitting a written request to the postmaster of the facility from which service is sought, or from which the route emanates. Domestic Mail Manual § D042.10.2. Provisions in the Domestic Mail Manual Transition Book (DMMT) §§ 155 and 156 specify conditions which must ordinarily be satisfied for the establishment or extension of carrier delivery based upon a customer request. Such conditions can include the hardship provisions of DMMT § 156.27 or 155.262.

The Postal Service does expect that additional route extensions may be appropriate if the proposals for post office box fees are adopted; the conditions under which these would occur are unknown at this time and would be worked out as part of the implementation.

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.



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