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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-110)


The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatory of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-110 filed on March 23, 2000. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-110. Refer to the response to DFC/USPS-41[h]. [a] If a special Priority Mail collection box has a Sunday collection time listed on it, would that provide an expectation that the box would be collected and the mail processed on Sunday? [b] In a similar manner, if a mailer was advised by a retail window clerk at an open Sunday facility that the mail would be processed, would that provide an expectation of processing?

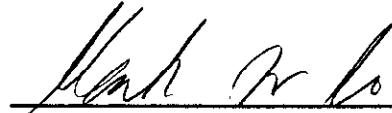
RESPONSE:

[a] No. The customer expectation should be that the mail will be collected. While limited Sunday processing may be performed in some processing plants, it does not imply that all mail collected [or received] by the Postal Service will in fact be processed.

[b] Yes. It is likely that a "knowledgeable retail clerk" providing a customer with information that mail would be processed would be correct with respect to Priority Mail tendered on that particular day. However, it should not be construed that all of the processed mail could be dispatched on Sunday (i.e., commercial air routings are limited on weekends and do not provide service to the same number of origin/destinations on Sunday as on a weekday), or that processing plants that are co-located with retail units that are open on Sunday do in fact process Priority Mail on Sunday on a regular basis.

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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