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Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS ROBINSON TO INTERROGATORY OF
DAVID B. POPKIN
REDIRECTED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE
(DBP/USPS-143)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Robinson to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-143, filed on March 31, 2000. This interrogatories was redirected from the Postal Service.

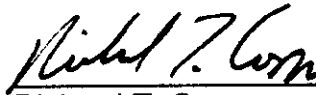
Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-143 Refer to the response to Question 7 of POIR No. 5. [a] Confirm, or explain and discuss if you are not able to confirm, that the availability of the 9-1/2 by 12-1/2 inch cardboard envelope adds to the value of the service. [b] Will the Postal Service provide a non-flat rate envelope of the same type as the flat rate envelope to allow mailers of articles with a weight of one pound or less to take advantage of the lower one pound rate? [c] If not, why not? [d] For convenience and/or protection of the contents, may a mailer place the contents of their shipment into a flat rate envelope, seal it, and place the flat rate envelope into another container, such as the Tyvek envelope, and pay the one pound rate for pieces that are under one pound? [e] If not, please explain and discuss.

RESPONSE:

[a] Confirmed that the provision of free packaging including the 9 1/2" by 12 1/2" flat-rate envelope adds to the value of service for Priority Mail.

[b] - [c] See response to DFC/USPS-T34-23.

[d] -[e] Yes, I am unaware of any postal regulation that prohibits this practice.

DECLARATION

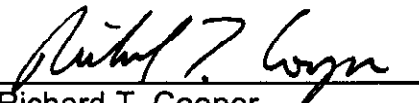
I, Maura Robinson, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


MAURA ROBINSON

Dated: 4.14.2000.

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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