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Docket No. R2000-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF  
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE  
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS BRADLEY  
(UPS/USPS-T18-2)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its revised response to the following interrogatory of United Parcel Service: UPS/USPS-T18-2, filed on March 23, 2000, and redirected from witness Bradley. The original response was filed on April 6, 2000. The revision is only to the response to subparts (j) and (k) and clarifies the use of certain Postal Service forms concerning exceptional service on highway contracts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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WITNESS BRADLEY, USPS-T-18)

UPS/USPS-T18-2. Provide the following information about Exceptional contracts:

- (a) A detailed definition of an Exceptional contract, supplemental to the information contained in Postal Service Handbook F-8 (USPS-LR-I-183).
- (b) A copy of the relevant Postal Service handbook that describes these contracts, supplemental to Handbook F-8.
- (c) Why do such contracts exist?
- (d) Under what conditions are these contracts created?
- (e) How far in advance of need is an Exceptional contract let?
- (f) Into which management information systems and data bases is information on such contracts entered, and at what point in time?
- (g) Does the Postal Service require that a justification or explanation be recorded when an Exceptional contract has been requested?
- (h) Does the Postal Service collect any data on the composition of mail classes carried under Exceptional contracts? If so, provide the information data set.
- (i) Give details of the circumstances and the frequency with which Exceptional contracts are converted to regular contracts and vice versa.
- (j) Explain the use of Form 5429, mentioned in Handbook F-8 (as in the description of Account 53125 on page 1343, for example) in the context of Exceptional contracts.
- (k) What management information system or data base records the contents of Form 5429 submissions?

REVISED RESPONSE

- (a) There is no such thing as an exceptional service contract.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) They do not.
- (d) They are not.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.

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- (i) Not applicable.
- (j) As mentioned in item a above, there is no such thing as an exceptional contact. Form 5397 (Contract Route Extra Trip Authorization) is used to document performance of exceptional service on an emergency, temporary, or regular contract. When exceptional service is needed, a 5397 is completed. At the end of each accounting period, this information is summarized on Form 5429, which is submitted to the accounting data center for payment to the contractor.
- (k) The postal service accounting system. Data from Form 5379 may be used as an input to TIMES or VTAPS (an information system used to manage highway trailers and rail vans at BMCs).

## 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan M. Duchek", is written over a horizontal line.

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