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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-205)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Robinson to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-205, filed on April 25, 2000. This interrogatory was redirected from the Postal Service.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN
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DBP/USPS-205: Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-143. [a] Please describe how the Postal Service plans to distinguish between the two similar 9-1/2 by 12-1/2 inch cardboard envelopes, one being a flat-rate envelope and the other not being one. [b] Do you feel that this will introduce a level of confusion to the mailer and/or to postal employees? [c] If not, why not?

RESPONSE:

[a] While the Postal Service is considering offering an envelope with characteristics similar to the current flat-rate envelope, no final determination about the specific characteristics of the new envelope has been made. At a minimum, the new envelope would not include the endorsements "2 lb. Priority Mail postage rate required" and/or "2 lb. postage rate regardless of weight" or wording of similar intent.

[b] - [c] While there is always the possibility that some mailer or postal employee will be confused by any change in Postal Service provided packaging, I do not believe that this confusion would be significant. One of the objectives in developing the new envelope design will be to minimize any confusion through the use of appropriate graphical design including choice of appropriate colors, words and other distinguishing characteristics that are not yet finalized.

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
MAURA ROBINSON

Dated: 5.9.2000 .

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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