

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY DBP/USPS-24(B-C),
AS COMPELLED BY PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R2000-1/56
(May 9, 2000)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to interrogatory DBP/USPS-24(b-c), as compelled by Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/56, issued May 2, 2000. That ruling requested clarification on two issues, first, whether Mr. Popkin's apparent conclusion that Shipping Online provides insurance by a non-USPS provider is correct, and second, whether Shipping Online is a special service. With respect to the latter issue, the Presiding Officer requested a complete description of Shipping Online. Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/56 at 7.

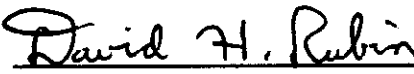
The interrogatory is stated verbatim, and is followed by the compelled response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**COMPELLED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN**

DBP/USPS-24. With respect to Shipping Online, ... [b] Please confirm the following notice appears in the shipping process, "Note: Insurance is provided by a non-USPS carrier". [c] Please confirm that the name of the insurance carrier is U-Pic.

RESPONSE:

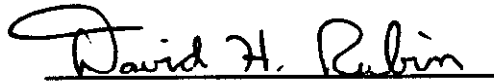
Shipping Online is currently between versions, but has been and will be available.

Insurance for Shipping Online is provided via a third party provider. Shipping Online is not a special service. It is a channel – comparable to window service – for Internet access to DMCS products, by which customers can prepare Express and Priority Mail for mailing and pay postage. Features include:

- Accepting payment online
- Preparing shipping labels
- Ordering shipping supplies
- Calculating postage
- Checking address accuracy
- Creating an address book
- Confirming Priority Mail® delivery
- Tracking Express Mail® packages
- Researching post office and drop-off locations.

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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