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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-212(B))

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-212(b), filed on May 3, 2000. The Postal Service has decided to respond to part (b) of this interrogatory despite its belief that the interrogatory's request about refund policy for Group E customers is not proper follow-up, and is beyond the scope of this proceeding. An objection to part (a) of this interrogatory was filed on May 15, 2000.

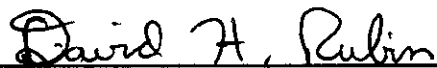
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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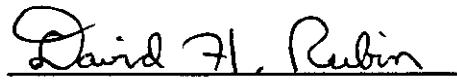
DBP/USPS-212 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-149. [a] My original subpart d related to those individuals who are evaluating the data in the zplist4 file. Please reanswer the original subpart d in that context. [b] I am aware of non-delivery offices that are charging box rents for eligible Fee Group E individuals. Are these individuals entitled to obtain a refund, and if so, how far back may they go?

Response:

- [a] Objection filed May 15, 2000.
- [b] Non-delivery offices properly charge box fees to customers who are eligible for carrier delivery, or are not eligible for carrier delivery because of state or local laws that prohibit the installation of receptacles at the curb or otherwise preclude the provision of carrier delivery service. See the response to DBP/USPS-149(f). Your determination that a customer is eligible for a Group E box would not qualify that customer for a refund. See DMM § D910.6.0 concerning refund of box fees, and DMM § P014.2.0 for postage and fee refunds in general.

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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