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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS DAVIS
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN
REDIRECTED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE
(DBP/USPS-221)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Davis to the following interrogatory of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-221, filed on May 3, 2000, and redirected from the Postal Service.

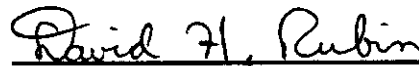
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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DBP/USPS-221 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-173. Please furnish a copy of the standard manifest form that is utilized which indicates the section for the code for return receipt being requested as noted in your specific response to DBP/USPS-173[e].

RESPONSE:

This form consists of three sheets, the one shown below, and two copies, which are identical except for being marked "2 - Office" and "3 - Customer" in the lower right corner. Writing on the top sheet will be entered on the two copies. On the back of the third sheet are instructions shown on the next page.

United States Postal Service
**Firm Delivery Receipt for
Accountable and Bulk Delivery Mail**



5199 9999 9999 9999 8701

<input type="checkbox"/> Certified		<input type="checkbox"/> Delivery Confirmation Service		<input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail		<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Delivery		<input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise		<input type="checkbox"/> Signature Confirmation Service		Mail for/Bill No.	
<input type="checkbox"/> COD				<input type="checkbox"/> Insured		<input type="checkbox"/> Registered							
Article Number		Code	Office of Origin (International)	Article Number		Code	Office of Origin (International)						
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* CODE: DC = Received in Damaged Condition. OS = Officially Sealed. R = Return Receipt Requested. RE = Re-enveloped. RW = Returned to Writer.

Date of Delivery	Received the _____ pieces described above 	Received By: (Print Name)	Signature of Addressee/ Agent X	Postmark of Delivery Office
Delivered By: (Clerk/Carrier)				
Form 3849 Barcode Number (If delivered using scanning option)			If using handheld scanner option, have recipient sign Form 3849.	

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Instructions

General Instructions

General. Enter certified, COD, Delivery Confirmation service, Express Mail, numbered insured, recorded delivery, registered, return receipt for merchandise, and Signature Confirmation service on either the same or separate sheets. Enter the article numbers legibly. Enter codes for any special services requested, such as return receipt. Do not use this form if the number of articles delivered at one time is consistently five or less. Draw a diagonal line through the unused lines.

Clearing the Carrier. The carrier must turn in the original Form 3883, any return receipts, and signed Form 3849s (if applicable). Destroy the chargeout record when the carrier returns these receipts. Check the return receipts for accuracy and completeness before returning them to the senders.

Returned Items. Use this form for large numbers of returned articles. Leave COD tags on articles when returned.

Manual Instructions (Do not use this method after electronic signature capture activation - except APO/FPO)

Delivery at Post Office. The office clerk completes the firm receipt. Obtain recipient's signature on Form 3883 and leave the Customer copy with the articles.

Delivery by Carrier. The office clerk or carrier completes the firm receipt. The carrier keeps the Delivery and Customer Copies and the office clerk keeps the Office copy as a charge-out record. The carrier obtains the recipient's signature on Form 3883, keeps the Delivery copy and leave the Customer copy with the articles.

Handheld Scanner Instructions

Delivery at Post Office. The office clerk completes the firm receipt. Select the "Create Firm Record" option on the handheld scanner and scan all mailpiece barcodes and link them to the firm sheet's barcode. At delivery, obtain recipient's signature on Form 3849 and leave the Customer copy with the articles. Scan both the firm sheet and Form 3849 barcodes.

Delivery by Carrier. The office clerk or carrier completes the firm receipt. Select the "Create Firm Record" option on the handheld scanner and scan all mailpiece barcodes and link them to the firm sheet's barcode. The carrier keeps the Delivery and Customer copies and the office clerk keeps the Office copy as a charge-out record (if applicable). At delivery, obtain the recipient's signature on Form 3849, keep the Delivery copy, and leave the Customer copy with the articles. Scan both the firm sheet and Form 3849 barcodes.

NOTE: When using the handheld scanner, record Form 3849 number in lower lefthand corner. Record Form 3883 number on Form 3849 in "Article Number" area.

DECLARATION

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

Scott J Davis

Dated: MAY 18, 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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