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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN  
(DBP/USPS-244)

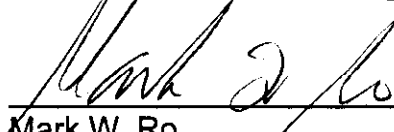
The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-244 filed on May 31, 2000. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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**DBP/USPS-244:** Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-220[b]. The response to DBP/USPS-172[i] has not been received. Please provide.

I have reprinted DBP/USPS-172 for ease of reference:

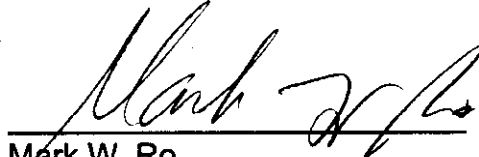
**DBP/USPS-172:** Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-77[f]. [a] Once a specific five-digit ZIP Code is utilized for one or more "No Office Point" address, such as 99950 in your example in subpart [e], is that same five-digit ZIP Code utilized for any non-No Office Point address? [b] If so, provide specific details. [c] Provide a complete listing of all five-digit ZIP Codes, and their associated post office name, that are utilized for one or more "No Office Point" addresses. [d] Is the No Office Point concept utilized anywhere else besides Alaska? If no, please provide details. [e] What Fee Group is charged for the rental of the post office box referred to in a No Office Point address? [f] Is there a physical box associated with the Post Office Box referenced in a No Office Point address? [g] At what point in the chain [starting when the article is mailed and ending when the addressee actually obtains the article] does the custody of the mail transfer out of the control of the United States Postal Service to the control of the addressee or agent? [h] What costs associated with this service are paid for by the USPS and what costs are paid for by the customer? [i] How are the costs paid for by the USPS accounted for in this rate case?

**RESPONSE:**

It appears that the "no office point" settlements in Alaska receive bush air service. Generally speaking, the costs of bush air service accrue to accounts 53561, 53563, 56565, and 56567, but "no office point" costs are not separately identified. Bush air service costs are distributed to classes of mail in the Cost Segment B workpapers of witness Meehan (USPS-T-11). Distribution of costs to products is based on special studies of mail carried on intra-Alaska air transportation provided under DOT proscribed rates.

## 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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