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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF VAL-PAK DIRECT MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC. AND
VAL-PAK DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS SCHENK
(VP/USPS-T43-18)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following
interrogatory of Val-Pak Direct Marketing Systems, Inc. and Val-Pak Dealers'
Association, Inc.: VP/USPS-T43-18, filed on November 21, 2001. Interrogatory
VP/USPS-18 was redirected from witness Schenk.

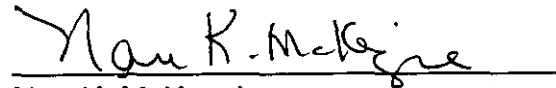
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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VP/USPS-T43-18.

- a. Please provide as library references (i) summary results of the latest national rural mail count, and (ii) instructions for conducting the national rural mail count, including the evaluated time credits for mail handled in the office and on the route.
- b. Please specify the evaluated time in the office and on the route for handling (i) letters, (ii) ordinary Standard ECR flats, (iii) Detached Address Labels ("DALs"), (iv) flat-shaped covers that accompany DALs, and (v) small parcels that can fit easily into a mailbox and that do not require dismount.

RESPONSE:

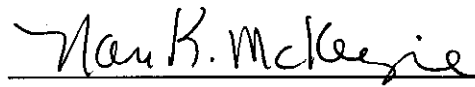
- a. Summary results from the FY 2001 national rural mail count, taken in September of 2000, will be filed in USPS-LR-J-193. Instructions for conducting the national rural mail count will also be filed in USPS-LR-J-193.
- b. Evaluated times for mail handled in the office and on the route will be filed in USPS-LR-J-193. The evaluated times listed in this library reference are applicable to all pieces of this category, regardless of mail class. Therefore, the evaluation factor for flats plus the strapping out allowance will apply to ordinary Standard ECR flats. The evaluation factors for letters, plus the strapping out allowance, will apply to fully addressed DALs. The evaluation factor for boxholders will apply to DALs that have simplified addresses. The mail piece accompanying a DAL will always be a boxholder, regardless of its shape. No strapping out allowance is given for boxholder mail. A small parcel will receive the allowance for parcels if it exceeds any of the following

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dimensions: 5 inches high, 18 inches long, and 1 9/16 inches wide. If it does not exceed any of these dimensions it will receive the allowance for flats.

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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