

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-82(A))

The United States Postal Service hereby files its response to the following interrogatory of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS- T82(a), filed on November 26, 2001. An objection to parts (b) and (c) was filed today.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-82 The November 2001 issue of MailersCompanion issued by the Postal Service states on the headline on the front cover, "Rates and Fees Will Not Increase Before September 2002". [a] Is this still the current belief of the Postal Service?

RESPONSE:

(a). Yes. There is the possibility, however, that this could change if a settlement agreement is reached among the parties, if the settlement agreement encompasses an understanding concerning an earlier implementation date, if the Commission's recommendations are in accordance with the settlement agreement, if that process is completed in time to allow for an earlier implementation date, and if the Board of Governors ultimately sets such an implementation date.

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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