

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

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Docket No. R2001-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF UNITED PARCEL SERVICE  
(UPS/USPS-T26-1(A-G))

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of United Parcel Service: UPS/USPS-T26-1(a-g), filed on November 26, 2001, and redirected from witness Nieto.

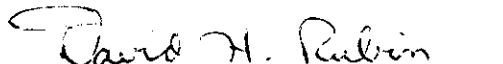
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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UPS/USPS-T26-1. Refer to "Minutes of the Mailers' Technical Advisory Committee, August 1-2, 2001" in the section labeled "Issue 61 – Service Assessment for DDU [Destination Delivery Unit] Drop Shipments" and the "MTAC/USPS DDU Drop Shipment Service Assessment for Parcels Workgroup, Minutes from April 25, 2001 Meeting," available at <http://www.ribbs.usps.gov/mtac.htm>.

(a) Confirm that the Service Assessment for DDU Drop Shipments measurement program is currently in place. If not confirmed, explain when the program will be put into place.

(b) How long will the measurement program be in place?

(c) Will the measurement program be in place at all DDUs that accept drop shipments?

(d) Confirm that this program applies only to Parcel Post DDU destination entry parcels. If not confirmed, explain in detail.

(e) Confirm that under this program "Delivery Confirmation pieces would receive an initial scan upon receipt and another upon delivery." If not confirmed, explain in detail.

(f) Confirm that all parcels scanned under this program will have had selected electronic delivery confirmation, and not manual delivery confirmation. If not confirmed, explain in detail.

(g) Explain the process used to perform "an initial scan upon receipt", including the employee type (e.g., city carrier) that performs the operation, the location at which this scan takes place, and the time at which the scan takes place (e.g., at the time the parcels are dropped at the DDU").

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(a) Not confirmed. The estimated implementation date is March 2002.

(b) No specific end date has been determined.

(c) Yes.

(d) Not confirmed. The program is designed to measure all dropshipped parcels, regardless of subclass.

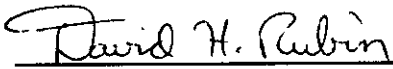
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- (e) Not confirmed. The individual pieces are not scanned; rather, a barcode on the dropship documentation (Form 8125) is scanned by a clerk upon arrival at the DDU. This information is transmitted to the tracking database and the pieces associated with that Form 8125 barcode are updated automatically in the system with an arrival record.
- (f) Confirmed. The DDU service measurement will be based on electronic option delivery confirmation pieces that have an appropriately barcoded Form 8125.
- (g) Please refer to the response in part (e).

**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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