

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

NOTICE PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORIES OF OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE, DOUGLAS F. CARLSON, AND DAVID B. POPKIN, AND MOTION TO HAVE RESPONSES RECEIVED AS EVIDENCE AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD

OCA/USPS-T35-8, DFC/USPS-15, and DBP/USPS-71, 98, 99, and 151(b)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a supplemental response updating responses to the following interrogatories: OCA/USPS-T35-8, filed on November 2, 2001; DFC/USPS-15, filed on November 13, 2001; DBP/USPS-71, filed on December 10, 2001; DBP/USPS-98, filed on January 8, 2002, and revised on January 9, 2002; DBP/USPS-99, filed on January 8, 2002; and DBP/USPS-151, filed on January 23, 2002.

Subsequent to the filing of the responses listed above, the Postal Service published in the *Federal Register*, "Proposed Changes to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) to Implement Docket No. R2001-1". 67 Fed. Reg. 4562 (Jan. 30, 2002). This notice, among other things, proposed revising DMM section D500.1.6, "Postage Not Refunded [Express Mail]," to reflect classification changes limiting Express Mail refunds proposed by the Postal Service in the instant proceeding. When the responses listed above were filed, the Postal Service had not finalized the proposed DMM

language. Answers to the above-referenced interrogatories accordingly reflected that status. In light of the proposed regulation, the pertinent parts of the responses cited above should be supplemented or revised in accordance with the attached supplement to the original answers.

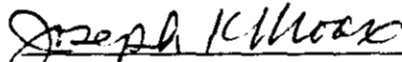
Further, since the initial response to these interrogatories (except for interrogatory DBP/USPS-151) have been entered into the record, the Postal Service moves that the updated response be received as evidence and entered into the record of this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
UPDATING RESPONSES TO INTERROGATORIES OF OFFICE OF THE
CONSUMER ADVOCATE, DOUGLAS F. CARLSON, AND DAVID B.
POPKIN

**OCA/USPS-T35-8, DFC/USPS-15, and DBP/USPS-71, 98, 99, and
151(b):**

The Postal Service has published in the *Federal Register*, "Proposed Changes to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) to Implement Docket No. R2001-1." 67 Fed. Reg. 4562 (Jan. 30, 2002). Section D500.1.6 of the proposed regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 4578) would implement changes to the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS 182.51) proposed by the Postal Service in Docket No. R2001-1. The pertinent DMCS changes outline limitations under which Express Mail refunds may not be available. Proposed DMM section D500.1.6 is intended to further explain and interpret those limitations. It states:

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1.6 POSTAGE NOT REFUNDED

[Revise 1.6 to add the additional limitations for Express Mail refunds to read as follows:]

Postage is not refunded if an item is delayed because of an incorrect ZIP Code or address, an item was improperly detained for law enforcement purposes, forwarding or return service was provided after the item was made available for claim, delivery was attempted within the times required for the specific service; delay or cancellation of flights, strike or work stoppage; or as authorized by USPS headquarters when delay was caused by:

- a. governmental action beyond the control of the Postal Service or air carriers.
- b. war, insurrection, or civil disturbance.
- c. breakdown of a substantial portion of the USPS transportation network resulting from events or factors outside the control of the USPS.
- d. acts of God.

Attempted delivery occurs under any of these situations when the delivery is physically attempted, but cannot be made; the shipment is available for delivery, but the addressee made a written request that the shipment be held for a specific day or days; the delivery employee discovers that the shipment is undeliverable as addressed before leaving on the delivery route.

DECLARATION

I, Susan W. Mayo, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Susan W Mayo

Dated: 2/28/02

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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