

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R97-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF  
THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
(NAA/USPS-14)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its revised response to the following interrogatory of the Newspaper Association of America: NAA/USPS-14, filed on August 29, 1997. Only the response to NAA/USPS-14(e) is revised, to reflect the fact that, although an objection to part (e) was filed on September 8, 1997, the Postal Service nonetheless is today filing a redacted copy of a responsive contract in library reference H-257.

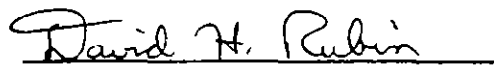
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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NAA/USPS-14.

- a. Please confirm that the United State [sic] Postal Service is providing lockbox service for American Express in a Staten Island facility.
- b. Is this lock-box service a "postal service" requiring a recommendation by the Postal Rate Commission?
- c. Will this lock-box service give rise to attributable costs in the Test Year? If so, please quantify those costs and provide an appropriate citation. If not, please explain why not.
- d. Were that service to be provided on a below-cost basis, would that service not be subsidized by other mail services?
- e. Please provide a copy of the contract, including the financial terms.

**RESPONSE:**

- a. Not confirmed. The Postal Service does not know what is meant by "lockbox service." However, the Postal Service is providing a retail remittance processing service for American Express.
- b. With respect to the remittance processing service (see the response to part a), no.
- c. With respect to the remittance processing service (see the response to part a), no. Any test year costs for this service are treated as "Other" costs.
- d. The service would not be subsidized by classes or subclasses of mail, or special services, except in the unlikely circumstance that the service were

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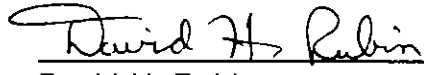
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offered on a below-cost basis over the duration of the contract, during a period of time in which the Postal Service broke even overall.

- e. Objection filed September 8, 1997. A redacted copy of the remittance processing services agreement between American Express and the Postal Service is being filed in library reference H-257.

## 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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