

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

EXPERIMENTAL PRIORITY MAIL
FLAT-RATE BOX, 2004

Docket No. MC2004-2

PROCEDURAL REQUEST OF DAVID B. POPKIN

July 9, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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At yesterday's hearing the OCA indicated that they desired a period of one week for discovery in this proceeding [plus the ability to follow-up on timely filed interrogatories]. I would agree with the same conditions with one exception. I would request that intervenors be provided one week after the Postal Service provides the graphics and text for the proposed flat-rate boxes and the communications plan for the same proposed flat-rate boxes to allow for discovery on that information.

My major concern in this proceeding is to determine the efforts that the Postal Service will be making to ensure that members of the public will be able to make an educated decision as to whether to utilize the existing weight-zone rated postage or the proposed flat-rate postage for their mailings. Since the proposed flat-rate will not be at the minimum Priority Mail postage rate, it would be possible for the user of the flat-rate box to pay a higher postage rate than would be required under the existing weight-zone rated postage. I believe that the design of the flat-rate box and the instructions to the window clerks and other publicity is important to ensure that members of the public will be able to make an educated choice to which rate to utilize.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the required participants of record in accordance with Rule 12.

July 9, 2004

David B. Popkin