

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

EXPERIMENTAL PRIORITY MAIL
FLAT-RATE BOX, 2004

Docket No. MC2004-2

DAVID B. POPKIN FOLLOW-UP INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL
SERVICE [DBP/USPS-T2 - 32-34]

August 23, 2004

I hereby submit follow-up interrogatories to the United States Postal Service. The instructions contained in the interrogatories DFC/USPS-1-18 dated May 19, 2001, are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

August 23, 2004

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DBP/USPS-T2-32 Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T2-13. The response indicated that the box design was not in final form. In particular, no language fulfilling the Postal Service obligation under Paragraph 9 of the Stipulation and Agreement filed August 10, 2004, was yet to be included because it is still a matter of active discussion, complicated by summer vacations. Please provide an updated design that includes a draft of the wording that fulfills this obligation. If no wording has reached the draft stage, provide any information on the proposed placement of the wording on the box, the color, type font, and font size that is available and provide the wording when it becomes available.

DBP/USPS-T2-33 Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T2-13. The red bullseye that appears six times on each box states in part that there is "No weight limit". Does the normal Priority Mail weight limit of 70 pounds apply to the flat-rate box?

DBP/USPS-T2-34 Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T2-19. Your response indicates in the draft communications plan that special messaging on the flat-rate box will include language advising customers that using the Flat Rate Box may not result in the lowest cost Priority Mail option. Please confirm that based on this proposed communications plan that the Postal Service will not be making any communications to their facilities or to mailers that the use of a flat-rate box may result in a higher postage rate than

the use of a non-flat-rate box other than placing wording on the box itself and indicating in the communications plan that the boxes will contain this wording. If you are unable to confirm, please provide the draft wording that will be included in the communications plan to provide this information and the means of implementation.

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.

August 23, 2004

David B. Popkin