

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

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EXPERIMENTAL PREMIUM  
FORWARDING SERVICE

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Docket No. MC2005-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS ARNETTA L. COBB  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN [Errata]  
(DBP/USPS-T1-7)  
(January 10, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the revised response of witness Arnetta L. Cobb to interrogatory DBP/USPS-T1-6, filed by David B. Popkin on November 24, 2004. As indicated in witness Cobb's response to OCA/USPS-T1-32 (filed on January 10, 2005), the Postal Service has decided that First-Class Mail parcels would not be reshipped Priority Mail postage due in the unlikely event they do not fit into the PFS shipment. This revision means that the second sentence of the original response to DBP/USPS-T1-7 (filed on December 8, 2004), which intimated that First-Class Mail parcels would be reshipped Priority Mail postage due if shipped outside the PFS package, is incorrect. The revised response corrects that sentence, and also adds a cross-reference to the response to OCA/USPS-T1-32.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS COBB  
TO DAVID B. POPKIN INTERROGATORY

**DBP/USPS-T1-7.**

- (a) Please confirm, or explain if you are not able to do so, that the only cost that a customer utilizing PFS will incur will be
  - (1) the enrollment fee,
  - (2) the weekly fee,
  - (3) the cost of any mail arriving at the primary address postage due, and
  - (4) the Priority Mail postage rate for packages and parcels that will not fit in the forwarding container and are in a mailing category that may not be forwarded free of charge.
- (b) Is a customer able to opt out of the added cost incurred in item 4 above?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (d) Can a PFS customer refuse an article that has been forwarded to them under the provisions of item 4 above?
- (e) If so, what happens to the article and are there any consequences to the customer relating to PFS?

**RESPONSE:**

(a) I can confirm that the customer would pay an enrollment fee and the sum of the weekly per-shipment charges, based on the duration of service. A PFS customer would also be asked to pay Priority Mail postage due for parcels that are not Express Mail, Priority Mail, or First-Class Mail which are reshipped to the temporary address outside of the PFS package. Pieces arriving postage due at the delivery unit for the primary address would also be reshipped outside of the PFS package. Please refer to Section II.B of my testimony for discussion of customer payments. See also my response to OCA/USPS-T1-32.

(b)–(e) PFS would be an experiment in which simplicity was a primary design goal. Customers would accordingly not be able to opt out of this feature. While customers do have the right to refuse postage due pieces, the Postal Service does not expect this to happen much since customers typically have control over where and how parcels are shipped to them.