

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

EXPERIMENTAL PREMIUM
FORWARDING SERVICE

Docket No. MC2005-1

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INTERROGATORIES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
[DBP/USPS-T1-65-70]

January 27, 2005

I hereby submit interrogatories to the United States Postal Service. The instructions contained in the interrogatories DFC/USPS-1-18 filed May 21, 2001, in Docket C2001-1, are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-T1-65 This interrogatory is designed to determine the effect on PFS when a customer receives a large quantity of mail to be reshipped under the PFS program. It also assumes that none of the mail to be reshipped will be accountable mail and/or requiring a scan nor will it arrive at the permanent address short paid. Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that [a] there are a number of Priority Mail containers that are utilized for reshipping, [b] regardless of the quantity of letters, flats, and periodicals that require reshipment at a given time, the Postal Service will utilize the required number of Priority Mail containers noted in subpart a that are necessary to reship all of the letters, flats, and periodicals to the temporary address under the single \$10 weekly fee for the service. [c] If a single parcel or package requires reshipment at a given time and that parcel or package will fit into one of the Priority Mail containers noted in subpart a, will that parcel or package be placed into the container and be forwarded to the temporary address as a part of that week's shipment covered by the single weekly \$10 fee? [d] If not, why not? [e] If multiple parcels or packages, each of which will individually fit into one of the Priority Mail containers noted in subpart a, are due for reshipment at a given time, will those parcels or packages be placed into the required number of container[s] and forwarded to the temporary address as a part of that week's shipment covered by the single weekly \$10 fee? [f] If not, why not? [g] Will any

combination of letters/flats/periodicals and parcels/packages still be forwarded to the temporary address under the single weekly fee of \$10 so long as none of the pieces are of such a size so as to not be capable of individually being placed into one of the Priority Mail containers noted in subpart a? [h] If not, why not?

DBP/USPS-T1-66 [a] Will it be the object of the Postal Service to try and minimize the number of parcels/packages that are reshipped as outside pieces thus incurring an additional postage due charge? [b] If so, please explain how that will be accomplished. [c] If not, why not?

DBP/USPS-T1-67 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-T1-60. [a] Is it possible to affix a new barcode on the PFS reshipment container so that it can be associated electronically with the barcode of a mailpiece that was included inside the PFS container and thereby allowing for reshipment of that mailpiece inside the PFS container under the regular weekly fee of \$10? [b] If not, why not?

DBP/USPS-T1-68 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-T1-60. [a] Is it possible to endorse the PFS reshipment container with a postage due endorsement to account for a short paid mailpiece that was included inside the PFS container and thereby allowing for reshipment of that mailpiece inside the PFS container under the regular weekly fee of \$10? [b] If not, why not?

DBP/USPS-T1-69 Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-T1-60. For purposes of this interrogatory, assume that a PFS customer receives two mailpieces for reshipment in a given week. Both of them have postage paid at other than Express Mail, Priority Mail, or First-Class Mail rates. Both of them are identical in size and shape and would normally be placed into the regular weekly PFS container. Assume that one of these pieces has delivery confirmation [for which the Postal Service received an additional fee] while the other does not. The one without delivery confirmation would be forwarded free of an additional charge [the weekly fee of \$10 would cover the cost] while the one with delivery confirmation would be forwarded separately at an additional charge of \$3.85 or more. This could also apply in the event that one of them was short paid and the one that was not short paid would arrive as a part of the regular \$10 weekly fee while the one that was short paid would arrive postage due

for the original amount plus at least another \$3.85. Please explain why you believe that these procedures will appear to be fair and equitable in the eyes of the PFS customer.

DBP/USPS-T1-70 Please explain why a PFS customer who needs to change their service must terminate the original service and sign up for a new service [as opposed to modifying the original service]. Not only will this require a new \$10 signup fee but will also require a personal visit at a post office serving the permanent location.

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.

January 27, 2005

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