

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes]  
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INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
[DBP/USPS-30-39]

David B. Popkin hereby requests the United States Postal Service to answer, fully and completely, the following interrogatories pursuant to Rules 25 and 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. To reduce the volume of paper, I have combined related requests into a single numbered interrogatory, however, I am requesting that a specific response be made to each separate question asked. To the extent that a reference is made in the responses to a Library Reference, I would appreciate receiving a copy of the reference since I am located at a distance from Washington, DC. Any reference to testimony should indicate the page and line numbers. The instructions contained in the interrogatories DFC/USPS-1-18 in Docket C2001-1, dated May 19, 2001, are incorporated herein by reference. In accordance with the provisions of Rule 25[b], I am available for informal discussion to respond to your request to "clarify questions and to identify portions of discovery requests considered overbroad or burdensome."

April 21, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. POPKIN, POST OFFICE BOX 528, ENGLEWOOD, NJ 07631-0528

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DBP/USPS-30                      Please provide copies of all publicity, instructions, posters, or other printed matter that indicates that a mailer using a Priority Mail flat-rate box could pay less postage if the mailing was placed in other than flat-rate box.

DBP/USPS-31                      [a] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that the size limits for all classes of mail, other than package services which is 130 inches length plus girth, is 108 inches length plus girth. [b] For each of the classes which have a 108 inch limit, explain why the limit can not be raised above 108 inches and potentially to 130 inches.

DBP/USPS-32 [a] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that the Certified Mail Receipt PS Form 3800, Signature Confirmation Receipt PS Form 153, and Delivery Confirmation Receipt PS Form 152 will provide the same level of mailing receipt, if not a greater level of receipt since the article itself will be identified, that a Certificate of Mailing PS Form 3817 will provide. [b] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that with the exception of Certified Mail which is limited to First-Class Mail, all four forms may be utilized on the same categories of mail [assume that if needed I insert a Styrofoam "peanut" in the envelope or package to ensure that the thickness will be 0.75 inches or greater].

DBP/USPS-33 [a] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that when a mailer obtains a validated [with either the USPS datestamp and/or POS terminal validation] PS Form 3800, PS Form 153, PS Form 152, PS Form 3817, PS Form 3813/3813-P Insured Mail Receipt, or Label 11-B Express Mail at a Postal Service retail window, the mailer must actually turn over the mailpiece to the postal employee. [b] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that the mailing receipt will show the date that the mailpiece was turned over to the Postal Service. [c] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that, with the exception of PS Form 3813 [which shows the PO, State, and ZIP Code of the addressee], the receipts will show the name and address of the addressee. [d] May a mailer obtain a Postal Service dated PVI postage strip to attach to a mailpiece without actually turning over the mailpiece?

DBP/USPS-34 [a] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that when a mailer utilizes an Automated Postal Center [APC] machine to mail Certified Mail, Delivery Confirmation Mail, Insured Mail, or Express Mail, the only "mailing receipt" that the mailer will receive will be the "credit card receipt". [b] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that this mailer will be able to obtain this mailing receipt/credit card receipt whether they actually deposit the mailpiece in the mail or not. [c] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that the mailing receipt/credit card receipt/postage stamp label will show the date of sale as opposed to the date the mailpiece was turned over to the Postal Service. [d] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that the mailing receipt/credit card receipt will only show the ZIP Code of the addressee [the name, street address, city, and state of the addressee will not be shown].

DBP/USPS-35 For each of the categories of mail that contain a barcode, please provide the scans, if any, that are made at the office of mailing when the mailpiece is [a] mailed at a retail window [b] mailed in the APC collection drop [c] mailed in a lobby drop [d] mailed in a collection box [e] mailed with a paid pick-up service [f] tendered to a city delivery, highway contract, or rural letter carrier. [g] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that for any scans made beyond the office of mailing, the method of mailing will have no effect.

DBP/USPS-36 Does a parcel mailed at an APC and insured for \$50 or less receive a barcode and 20-digit number which would require signature at the time of delivery?

DBP/USPS-37 [a] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that parcels mailed at an APC may not be sent by Media Mail, Library Mail, or Bound Printed Matter. [b] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that this may result in a mailer eligible to utilize one of these three categories to pay a higher postage rate than would result by not utilizing the APC.

DBP/USPS-38 Please advise why the APC shows that the delivery standard for Parcel Post from Bergenfield NJ 07621 to Hyder AK 99923 is 35 days while the USPS Service Standards CDrom shows Standard Mail as only 10 days.

DBP/USPS-39 [a] Please advise why the APC mailing receipt/credit card receipt for an Express Mail article does not show the time of mailing. [b] Please advise why the APC mailing receipt/credit card receipt for an Express Mail article does not show the scheduled date and time of delivery. [c] For Express Mail processed at an APC, will the time of mailing or the time that the article is logged in at the office of mailing determine the guaranteed delivery time? [d] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that the APC computer screen will inform the mailer of the scheduled date and time of delivery.

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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.

David B. Popkin April 21, 2005

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