

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 108-18

Docket No. R2005-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN (DBP/USPS-30)
(May 6, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following
interrogatory of David B. Popkin, filed on April 21, 2005:

DBP/USPS-30

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

Respectfully submitted,

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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.

Response:

Each Flat Rate Box contains the following disclaimer:

This Priority Mail Flat Rate Box offers mailing convenience. Other Priority Mail options may cost less.

With this disclaimer appearing on the boxes, themselves, the Postal Service, at this time, is not aware of any other "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."

Please note that in the settlement agreement in Docket No. MC2004-2, the Postal Service agreed to the following:

In the second year of the experiment, the Postal Service shall file, commencing with report number three, as defined below, a qualitative report on the methods used to inform the public about the Priority Mail flat-rate box and pound/zone rated Priority Mail alternatives. To the extent possible and practicable, the Postal Service will include in its report copies of any posters, rack labels, enclosures in Priority Mail boxes, internet information, Customer Mailing Guide information, retail signage, and other informational materials used to inform the public about the Priority Mail flat-rate box and pound/zone rated Priority Mail alternatives.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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