

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-49(a)-(g), (i)-(j))
(May 20, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its institutional response to interrogatory DBP/USPS-49(a)-(g), (i)-(j), submitted on May 2, 2005. Part (h) of this interrogatory was the subject of an objection filed on May 12, 2005.¹ In that objection, the Postal Service indicated that it would file a response to part (h) providing general information concerning the delivery of Express Mail on the third calendar day after mailing. That response was filed on May 16, 2005.²

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

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Objection of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory of David B. Popkin (DBP/USPS-49(h)), May 12, 2005.

² Response of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory of David B. Popkin (DBP/USPS-49(h)), May 16, 2005.

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DBP/USPS-49.

- (a) With respect to Express Mail Post Office to Addressee service, please confirm that for each and every possible mailing point as shown in your response to DBP/USPS-21 and sent to each and every possible address as shown in your response to DBP/USPS-22 and mailed on every one of the 365 days of the year that it is possible to achieve insertion into the system, that the article will achieve attempted delivery in one of three categories, namely, delivery will be made on the calendar day after mailing, delivery will be made on the second calendar day after mailing, or delivery will be made on the third calendar day after mailing or later.
- (b) Please confirm that the addresses that will receive next calendar day delivery will be shown in a directory that is provided at the office of mailing.
- (c) Please confirm that next calendar day delivery will be made Monday through Saturday except holidays to all ZIP Codes shown in the directory regardless of the type of address, namely, city delivery, post office box, general delivery, rural delivery, and highway contract delivery.
- (d) Please confirm that next calendar day delivery will be made on Sunday and holidays only at those ZIP Codes that are shown in a listing of ZIP Codes that have street delivery and a separate listing of those that have post office box service and are shown as having transportation which would permit arrival for Sunday or holiday delivery and regardless of the type of physical delivery [city, rural, or highway contract].
- (e) Please advise the number of offices that have Sunday/holiday street delivery and the criteria for inclusion or non-inclusion on this listing.
- (f) Please advise the number of offices that have Sunday/holiday post office box delivery and the criteria for inclusion or non-inclusion on this listing.
- (g) Please advise the total number of ZIP Codes that have delivery in the United States.
- (h) Please provide a complete listing of all possible scenarios where delivery will be made on the third calendar day after mailing. This listing can be made by generic descriptions [such as articles mailed on a Saturday prior to a Monday holiday and sent to an address that is not on the Sunday/holiday list will receive delivery on Tuesday] or it can be made by reference to specific offices [such as Hyder AK 99923 has incoming mail only on Monday and Thursday].
- (i) Please confirm that all other Express Mail not enumerated in subparts c/d and h will receive delivery on the second calendar day after mailing.
- (j) Please explain and discuss any subparts you are unable to confirm.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Confirmed.

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(b) Confirmed that post offices have an Express Mail Next Day Service directory, which shows detailed local information about Next Day Service from that office.

See DMM § 113.4.2.2.

(c) Confirmed that an Express Mail piece sent to an address shown in the applicable Next Day Service directory will be scheduled for delivery on the next “calendar” day (taking Sundays and holidays out of the equation) regardless of the type of address.

(d) Confirmed that if the next calendar day is a Sunday and holiday, delivery of Express Mail on those days is available only to certain ZIP Codes.

(e) The exact number of offices providing Express Mail deliveries on Sunday and holidays is not available, however it is known that 13,928 ZIP Codes nationwide provide deliveries on these days. The criteria for inclusion or non-inclusion are based upon many factors, including local area considerations and are determined at the district level with approval provided by the Express Mail Change Control Board (EMCCB) at Headquarters.

(f) The exact number of offices providing Express Mail deliveries to post office boxes on Sunday and holidays is not available, however it is known that 806 ZIP Codes nationwide provide box deliveries on these days. The criteria for inclusion or non-inclusion are based upon many factors, including local area

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considerations and are determined at the district level with approval provided by the Express Mail Change Control Board (EMCCB) at Headquarters.

(g) There are approximately 42,503 active ZIP Codes.

(h) Objection and response filed.

(i) Not confirmed. We understand subparts (c) and (d) as asking about Express Mail scheduled for delivery on the next calendar day delivery after mailing, and subpart (h) as asking about Express Mail scheduled for delivery on the third calendar day after mailing. Those subparts do not account for the fact that an Express Mail piece could be scheduled for delivery on the fourth calendar day after mailing.

(j) Explanations are contained in the relevant subpart answer.