

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-68)  
(May 27, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to interrogatory  
DBP/USPS-68, filed by David B. Popkin on May 13, 2005

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**DBP/USPS-68.** Please advise the percentage [when compared to the total use of the specific form] of each of the following types of receipts that a mailer will have postmarked or otherwise validated by the Postal Service at the time of mailing: [a] Certified Mail Receipt PS Form 3800, [b] Signature Confirmation Receipt PS Form 153, [c] Delivery Confirmation Receipt PS Form 152, [d] Insured Mail Receipt PS Form 3813/3813-P, [e] Certificate of Mailing PS Form 3817, and [f] Return Receipt for Merchandise PS Form 3804. If exact information is not available, please provide the best estimate.

**RESPONSE:**

Following are the FY 2004 proportions of total transactions reported to have taken place at the retail window (and therefore receiving a postmark or other validation), compared to the total volume of each special service from the FY2004 Billing Determinants:

[a] Certified Mail Receipt PS Form 3800:	24.8%
[b] Signature Confirmation Receipt PS Form 153:	31.0%
[c] Delivery Confirmation Receipt PS Form 152:	13.7%
[d] Insured Mail Receipt PS Form 3813/3813-P:	100.0%
[e] Certificate of Mailing PS Form 3817:	100.0%
[f] Return Receipt for Merchandise PS Form 3804:	22.5%

As of FY 2005, insured mail valued up to \$200 is now available online, with no requirement to bring the insured mail to the retail window. It is reasonable to expect that currently less than 100 percent of Forms 3813/3813-P are postmarked or otherwise validated. All receipts that are brought to the window at the time of mailing should be postmarked, or otherwise validated by the Postal Service. Since postmarks or other validation can be provided to mailers other than at the retail window, these estimates provide a lower bound to the percentage (when compared to the total use of the specific form) of each of these receipts that a mailer will have postmarked or otherwise validated by the Postal Service at the time of mailing. More precise data are not available.