

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 POPKIN [DBP/USPS-73]
(May 31, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to above-listed interrogatory of David Popkin, filed on May 16, 2005.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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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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DBP/USPS-73. [a] With respect to the EXFC/PETE/Express Mail testing program, please identify the USPS employees or categories of USPS employees [provide the number of employees in that category] that have knowledge of or access to of the identity of droppers/reporters or the proposed location for dropping or receiving mail [prior to the delivery of the mailpiece]? [b] Please elaborate on the security employed to ensure that other USPS employees do not learn or have access to this information. [c] Please provide any studies by GAO/OIG/Inspection Service or any other group that evaluates the claimed disclosure of this information or the security to prevent disclosure that have been made in the past 6 years.

RESPONSE:

[a] For the EXFC and PETE service performance measurement system, no

Postal Service employees have knowledge of or access to the identity of droppers/reporters. The Manager, Customer Knowledge Management within the Postal Service's Consumer Affairs department at USPS Headquarters and three employees under her direction have knowledge of the proposed location of EXFC and PETE drops. The Express Mail service performance data from the Product Tracking System is not based on a test mail system such as EXFC or PETE. Express Mail pieces included in the data provided are scanned in connection with acceptance and delivery and the service performance data provided is based on these scans.

[b] Public elaboration of the details would be counter-productive. Suffice it to say that the four postal employees described above are required to comply with procedures designed to safeguard the information from unauthorized access or dissemination.

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RESPONSE to DBP/USPS-73 (continued):

[c] The Postal Service has identified one study by the Postal Service Office of the Inspector General, the General Accountability Office or the Inspection Service on EXFC, PETE or Express Mail service measurement systems. The Postal Service Office of the Inspector General issued a report titled "External First-Class Measurement System DS-AR-00-001" on March 27, 2000 available on the OIG website at www.uspsoig.gov. The Postal Service is unaware of any reports issued by the GAO; however, we refer you to the GAO website (www.gao.gov) for a comprehensive listing of all GAO audit reports.