

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 VALPAK (VP/USPS-T30-28), REDIRECTED FROM
WITNESS LEWIS
(June 2, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of ValPak, filed on May 19, 2005: VP/USPS-T30-28, redirected from witness Lewis.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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VP/USPS-T30-28.

- a. For all classes of mail, what types of mailings must utilize DALs?
- b. (i) In addition to whatever mailings you identified in response to preceding part a, for all classes of mail, what types of mailings may include DALs as an option?
- (ii) Does the Postal Service allow letter-shaped mail to be accompanied by DALs? If not, why not?
- (iii) Does the Postal Service allow enveloped flats to be accompanied by DALs? If not, why not?
- (iv) Does the Postal Service allow unaddressed catalogs to be accompanied by DALs? If not, why not?

RESPONSE

- a. Merchandise samples more than 5 inches wide (high) or 0.25 inch thick, or nonuniform in thickness, mailed at Standard Mail rates must be mailed with DALs when prepared for general distribution on city delivery routes. In this context, general distribution means distribution in a single mailing to at least 25 percent of the addresses in any 5-digit ZIP Code delivery area.
- b. (i) The following additional items may be sent with DALs:
- Mailings of unaddressed Periodicals or Standard Mail flats sent to at least 75 percent of the total addresses on a carrier route or 90 percent of the residential addresses on the route, whichever is less.
 - Merchandise samples for general distribution (as described in subpart (a)) to be delivered on other (i.e. not city delivery) routes, or for the residual portion of a general distribution mailing of merchandise samples.
 - Unaddressed pieces of Bound Printed Matter that are containerized as specified by the Postal Service in the Domestic Mail Manual.
- (ii) No. Please see the Postal Service's response to VP/USPS-T30-18, subpart (a), redirected from witness Lewis.
- (iii) Yes, subject to the qualifications described in subparts (a) and (b)(i) above. Please also see the Postal Service's response to VP/USPS-T30-18, subpart (b), redirected from witness Lewis. The same qualifications apply to that response.

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(iii) Please see the Postal Service's response to VP/USPS-T30-18,
subpart (c), redirected from witness Lewis.

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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