

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-83)
(June 3, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its institutional response to interrogatory DBP/USPS-83, submitted on May 17, 2005.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-83. In a recent Docket, DMCS Section 182.51(g) was amended to allow for being able to deny refunds in the event of a “Breakdown of a substantial portion of the USPS transportation network.”

- (a) Please provide a listing of all instances where this provision was either claimed or invoked and the details of the breakdown and the number of claims involved.
- (b) Please provide a listing of all instances where this provision was initially claimed and overruled. Please provide the reasons why it was overruled and provide copies of any correspondence or communications.

RESPONSE:

(a)-(b) The Postal Service has never used its discretionary authority under DMCS 182.51(g). This is consistent with the Postal Service's statements in Docket No. R2001-1 that use of this authority would be extraordinarily rare.