

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

RESPONSES OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-91-94)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin, filed on May 27, 2005: DBP/USPS-91-94. An objection to DBP/USPS-90 was filed on June 8, 2005, and the response to DBP/USPS-95 is forthcoming.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-91. [a] Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-64. Please provide the total cost of processing all Registered Mail claims and the total number of claims that this represents. [b] Please provide information on the cost of processing an Insured Mail claim. Either provide the average cost of processing a claim or the total cost of processing all claims and the number of claims processed. [c] Please discuss the reasons why and why not the cost of processing an Insured Mail claim can or can not be used as a proxy for the cost of processing a Registered mail claim.

RESPONSE:

[a] The Postal Service does not measure the total cost of processing all Registered Mail claims. For the number of claims in FY 2004, see the response to DBP/USPS-48[a-e].

[b] The Postal Service does not measure the average cost of processing an Insured Mail claims, or the total cost of processing all Insured Mail claims. For the number of claims resolved in FY 2004, please see the response to DBP/USPS-81[b].

[c] The use of the average cost of processing an insured mail claim as a proxy for the average cost of processing a Registered Mail claim has not been analyzed.

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DBP/USPS-92. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-65. [a] Are there any indications on the Credit/Debit Card receipt or the APC screens, or on the APC unit itself that would "suggest" that a mailer can or should get their receipt postmarked? [b] Is there a specific place on the receipt for postmarking? [c] If so for subparts a and/or b, please provide copies of the information. [d] If not, why isn't this information provided.

RESPONSE:

[a] No.

[b] No.

[c] Not Applicable

[d] Typically, customers use an APC for the sake of convenience or to avoid a line at the retail window. These customers will place the APC label on their mailpiece and deposit the mailpiece into the appropriate receptacle located next to the APC. This is no different from weighing a letter on a scale in a post office, applying the appropriate postage, and depositing the mailpiece in a collection box. A round date stamp is not provided when stamped mail is dropped into a collection receptacle. Customers generally are expected to request a round date stamp if they need one. It should be noted that current practice is to not charge a fee for a duplicate return receipt if the customer presents a receipt generated by POS ONE retail equipment or an APC, even if the receipt does not contain a round date stamp. Updating of DMM 503.6.5.3 is under consideration.

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DBP/USPS-93

Please advise any changes between CDrom for Service Standards for FY2005 Quarter 3 and FY 2005 Quarter 2.

RESPONSE:

See the attached tables.

The 180 Service Standards Changes made to the National Database between PQ 2-05 and PQ 3-05			
Origin ZIP	Dest. ZIP	Mail Class	New Standard
902	921	Priority Mail	1
903	921	Priority Mail	1
904	921	Priority Mail	1
902	921	First Class Mail	1
903	921	First Class Mail	1
904	921	First Class Mail	1
902	465	Periodicals	6
902	466	Periodicals	6
902	505	Periodicals	5
902	580	Periodicals	5
902	581	Periodicals	5
902	594	Periodicals	4
902	599	Periodicals	4
902	648	Periodicals	5
902	656	Periodicals	5
902	657	Periodicals	5
902	658	Periodicals	5
902	693	Periodicals	4
902	726	Periodicals	5
902	840	Periodicals	3
902	841	Periodicals	3
902	842	Periodicals	3
902	843	Periodicals	3
902	844	Periodicals	3
902	921	Periodicals	1
902	943	Periodicals	2
902	952	Periodicals	2

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902	953	Periodicals	2
902	975	Periodicals	3
902	998	Periodicals	6
903	465	Periodicals	6
903	466	Periodicals	6
903	505	Periodicals	5
903	580	Periodicals	5
903	581	Periodicals	5
903	594	Periodicals	4
903	599	Periodicals	4
903	648	Periodicals	5
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903	840	Periodicals	3
903	841	Periodicals	3
903	842	Periodicals	3
903	843	Periodicals	3
903	844	Periodicals	3
903	921	Periodicals	1
903	943	Periodicals	2
903	952	Periodicals	2
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902	931	Standard Mail	4
902	934	Standard Mail	4
902	950	Standard Mail	5
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DBP/USPS-94. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-31 subpart b. The only subclasses that I am interested in are those that have a current limit of 108 inches length plus girth and the interrogatory asked if those that are already are at 108 inches can be raised higher than 108 inches and potentially to 130 inches. The response indicated that there was no demand. [a] Please elaborate on the term "no demand". Does that mean that there has not been since the Parcel Post limit was changed to 130 inches a single request to raise another service higher than 108 inches? [b] If not, what does it mean? [c] Please provide details of the demand and/or requests that have been made or any discussions that have taken place at the Headquarters level.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) N/A
- (c) There have been no such requests or discussions.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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