

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

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO THE
INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-160-162)

The United States Postal Service hereby files its responses to the above-listed interrogatories of David Popkin, filed on June 15, 2005.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-160. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-85 subpart a. [a] What do PARS and CIOSS stand for? [b] Please explain what types of offices participate in this program and please explain how the program operates and differs from the CFS procedures.

RESPONSE:

a) PARS stands for Postal Automated Redirection System and CIOSS stands for Combined Input Output Sub System.

(b) PARS handles the forwarding and return of letters and is deployed in processing plants. For the 49 processing plants where it is deployed, PARS replaces the CFS unit's handling of letters. Both systems handle undeliverable-as-addressed (UAA) mail. For delivery units covered by a CFS unit, the carrier identifies UAA mail and the reason why it is undeliverable. If the mail is undeliverable because a forwarding order is in effect, then the piece is sent to the CFS unit which places a label on the piece to either forward the mail (if the Change of Address (COA) order is less than 12 months old) or return the mail to sender (if the COA order is 12-18 months old).

PARS intercepts move-related UAA mail before it reaches the delivery unit and redirects the mail piece to the proper delivery point. UAA mail not intercepted by PARS reaches the delivery unit where the carrier identifies the mail as UAA. The UAA mail is then sent back to the plant for processing on PARS.

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DBP/USPS-161. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-86 subpart b. Please advise the DMCS section that contains the authority for this \$1 fee.

RESPONSE:

The \$1 charge does not appear in the DMCS.

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DBP/USPS-162. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-86 subpart c. [a] Please advise the approximate time frame that it takes for these letters to be issued after the COA has been filed. [b] Are these letters issued for every COA regardless of the means used for filing it? If not, please explain which are not and why they are not sent.

RESPONSE:

[a] The notification letter is sent within 24 to 48 hours after being received at the CFS unit or PARS site.

[b] Yes.

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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