

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-304)
(August 15, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its institutional response to interrogatory DBP/USPS-304.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-304. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-226 subpart e. Please provide insight as to why with respect to provision of retail window service on Saturday, the Pacific Area provides service at approximately one-half that of the central and eastern parts of the country and that the rest of the western part of the country (Southwest and Western Areas) is significantly less than the central and eastern parts of the country.

RESPONSE:

As noted in the response to DBP/USPS-226, the decision whether to provide window service on Saturdays is a local decision based on the field's determination of customer needs. Local considerations thus drive the decision whether to provide such service, and the bases for these local decisions are not centrally compiled.