

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 INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-216, 220)

In response to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2005-1/73, issued August 23, 2005, the United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-216 and 220.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-216. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-145. [a] Please provide a copy of PS Form 3883. [b] Does PS Form 3883 provide a place for the addressee to sign to indicate receipt of the mail? [c] If so, please explain why the addressee's signature is obtained on PS Form 3849 and not on PS Form 3883. [d] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that PS Form 3849 has a place for indicating the number[s] of the accountable mail article[s]. [e] Please explain why no article numbers are placed on the PS Form 3849 that is signed by the addressee.

RESPONSE:

- (a) A copy of PS Form 3883, Firm Delivery Sheet, is attached on the following page.
- (b) No.
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Confirmed that up to five accountable mail article numbers can be recorded on PS Form 3849.
- (e) The only instance in which a recipient would sign a Form 3849 that does not include the article numbers is when six or more accountable mail pieces are being delivered. In that instance, rather than record five article numbers on Form 3849 and the remainder on Form 3883, all article numbers are recorded in one place — Form 3883. The barcodes are scanned on both forms thereby linking the signature on Form 3849 to the six or more article numbers listed on Form 3883.

United States Postal Service®

Attachment to DBP/USPS-216



5199 9990 0007 5066 2430

Firm Delivery Receipt for Accountable and Bulk Delivery Mail

Certified Delivery Confirmation™ Service Express Mail® Service Insured Recorded Delivery Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise Signature Confirmation™ Service Mail for/Bill Number

Article Number	Code	Office of Origin (International)	Article Number	Code	Office of Origin (International)
1.			11.		
2.			12.		
3.			13.		
4.			14.		
5.			15.		
6.			16.		
7.			17.		
8.			18.		
9.			19.		
10.			20.		

* CODE: DC = Received in Damaged Condition. R = Return Receipt Requested. RS = Returned to Sender.

Date of Delivery

Number of pieces described above

Recipient signs Form 3849.

Postmark - Delivery Office

Delivered By: (Clerk/Carrier)

ERM sites: send Form 3849 to CFS

Form 3849 Barcode Number

MRM sites: file Form 3849 with Form 3883

PS Form 3883, February 2002

1- Delivery

◆ Follow proper scanning procedures for all articles.

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DBP/USPS-220. Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-145. Your response in providing the two procedures appears to be focused only on Certified Mail and the hard copy green return receipt card. Please provide similar information for the electronic return receipt and Delivery Confirmation.

RESPONSE:

The procedures discussed in the response to interrogatory DBP/USPS-145 are similar to those for Delivery Confirmation and the electronic option for return receipt. Delivery Confirmation involves the same delivery scan as Certified Mail, but without obtaining a signature, while the electronic option for return receipt follows the same delivery procedures as for Certified Mail without electronic return receipt.