

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

REVISED RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN (DBP/USPS-127)  
(September 7, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its revised institutional response to interrogatory DBP/USPS-127. This interrogatory deals with remote post offices that do not receive Express Mail delivery six days per week. In Docket No. R2001-1, the Postal Service provided a list of 20 such offices. In its response to DBP/USPS-88, the Postal Service indicated that an updated list of such offices would be substantially identical in both size and scope to the list provided in Docket No. R2001-1. The Postal Service then indicated in its original response to DBP/USPS-127(a) that the list provided in Docket No. R2001-1 was still correct for 17 of the 20 offices listed. That response is now being revised to state that the list is still correct for 15 of the 20 offices, rather than 17 of 20 as originally indicated; two additional offices that were on the Docket No. R2001-1 list receive delivery of Express Mail six days a week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**DBP/USPS-127.** Please refer to your response to DBP/USPS-88.

- (a) Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that the data provided in response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-65 subpart d in Docket R2001-1 is still correct for the 20 referenced offices.
- (b) Please provide an estimate as to the number of additional post offices that would be added to the listing if a complete study was made.
- (c) Since most of the offices appear to be in Alaska, has the District Manager of the Alaska District been queried as to the offices in his District that do not have 6-day a week mail service? If not, why not? If so, what was the response?

**RESPONSE:**

(a) The data is still correct for 15 of the 20 offices cited. The offices of Chitina, Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, Eagle, and King Cove are currently receiving shipments of Express Mail six days per week.

(b) As noted in the response to DBP/USPS-88, a complete study would produce list that is substantially similar in both size and scope to the one provided in response to DBP/USPS-65(d) in Docket No. R2001-1. A quantitative estimate by which the number of offices on that list would increase (or decrease) cannot be provided because no complete study has been undertaken.

(c) The District Manager has been queried and responds that the service being provided is a longstanding traditional service to very unique and remote areas that are experiencing no growth whatsoever, that an appropriate level of service is being provided, and that there are no initiatives under consideration to change the present level of service.