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REPLY OF DAVID B. POPKIN TO THE COMMISSION'S NOTICE OF INQUIRY NO. 1

April 4, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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1. On March 28, 2006, the Commission issued Notice of Inquiry No. 1 and requested comments from the participants.
2. The interaction between cost savings and levels of service provided to the public should be the basis of any activity by the Postal Service.
3. In response to Item 5 of the Notice of Inquiry, it is absolutely necessary to consider the effects that any changes in service levels will have on the cut-off times for depositing mail and changes in delivery times. The cut-off time for depositing mail is probably more critical than the delivery time.
4. As noted in Docket C2003-1 and as I have noticed in evaluating the times of the final collection times of the blue collection boxes throughout the country, there appears to be a considerable effort on the Postal Service to advance the time of the final collection. For example, if a blue collection box had a final collection time of 5 PM on weekdays then mail deposited between 5:01 PM¹ Monday and 5:00 PM Tuesday would be delivered on Wednesday in the overnight service standard delivery area.² If, for whatever reason, the collection time on that particular blue collection box was advanced to a weekday collection time of 9:00 AM, the mail deposited between 9:01 AM and 5:00 PM on Tuesday would now be

¹ Or after the time of the final Monday collection which would be made shortly after 5:00 PM.

² Two- and three-day delivery service standard mail would be delivered on Thursday and Friday.

delivered on Thursday in the overnight delivery area even though the underlying service standards are still overnight.

5. The cut-off times for Express Mail are also critical and are being probed in Interrogatory DBP/USPS-68 filed on March 31, 2006.

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.

David B. Popkin April 4, 2006
