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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF
DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-93,102)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides responses to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-93,102, filed on November 24, 1997, 1997.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DBP/USPS-93 In your response to subpart c of DBP/USPS-19, you indicated that the object was to generate as much net revenue as is practicable. Elaborate and explain the meaning of the words "as is practicable."

RESPONSE:

Practicable is defined in The American Heritage Dictionary as "capable of being effected, done, or executed; feasible". The Postal Service's use of the word is consistent with that definition.

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DBP/USPS-102. Refer to your response to subpart r of DBP/USPS-68. Please respond to this interrogatory if I were to add the words "the need for the service is greatly" inserted before the word "reduced."

RESPONSE:

The response to DBP/USPS-68 would not change whether the need for special handling service is "reduced" or is "greatly reduced" by virtue of the implementation of new fees for special handling service. As stated in the response to DBP/USPS-68, refunds are not offered for special handling stamps; however, customers may exchange special handling stamps under DMM P014.1.1 if they are "damaged, defective, or otherwise unserviceable." To the extent that customers possessing special handling stamps determine that they do not intend to use special handling service anymore, such customers may request to exchange their special handling stamps for regular postage stamps.

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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