

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION AND
CONSOLIDATION INITIATIVE, 2009

Docket No. N2009-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO DAVID POPKIN INTERROGATORY DBP/USPS-30
(August 6, 2009)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following institutional interrogatory of David Popkin dated July 15, 2009: DBP/USPS-30. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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[a] In the evaluation of a specific station or branch of a Level 24 or higher post office, will the Postal Service be limited to one of only two choices, namely maintain status quo or complete discontinuance of the facility or will the Postal Service consider making some partial elimination of service at that facility?

[b] If the Postal Service will limit their choice to only one of two options [the first choice in subpart a], please explain why that option was chosen.

[c] Please provide a listing of the different types of partial eliminations of service that could be employed at a specific station or branch of a Level 24 or higher post office.

RESPONSE

(a-b) No, the Postal Service will not be limiting its choices to one of two.

(c) Each situation must be examined based upon its unique potential. As testimony explains, the first question answered is whether a discontinuance study is warranted. Assuming that answer is favorable, subsequent options might be to maintain the status quo, move carriers to a different location and downsize the required space for retail, relocate a piece of mail processing equipment, increasing or decreasing the footprint of the studied facility, or any combination that best suits a particular location or locations. That is why local postal officials must study each situation and document the merits of any proposed reconfiguration.