

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

STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION AND  
CONSOLIDATION INITIATIVE, 2009

Docket No. N2009-1

COMPELLED RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO DAVID POPKIN INTERROGATORIES DBP/USPS-28-29  
(September 8, 2009)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its compelled responses to the above-listed institutional interrogatories of David Popkin, filed on July 13, 2009, in accordance with Presiding Officer's Ruling No. N2009-1/2, issued on September 1, 2009. Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

The responses to DBP/USPS-9 and 10 are forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID POPKIN**

**DBP/USPS-28** Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that all outgoing mail which a carrier collects while delivering mail along their route or which an employee picks-up in response to a request for a pick-up will be processed and dispatched to the Processing Center on the same day, including Saturday, that it is collected or picked-up from the customer and will receive the same delivery standards for that day being Day 0. If necessary, make any distinctions based on the type of mail or type of carrier.

**RESPONSE**

Please see the responses to interrogatories DBP/USPS 75 in Postal Rate Commission proceeding R2000-1 and DBP/USPS 43 in Postal Rate Commission proceeding R2001-1, which asked these same questions. While the Postal Service would normally seek to conform its operations to this objective to the extent possible, because of unforeseen circumstances, natural disasters, accidents, etc., no such requirement has been identified.

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**DBP/USPS-29** With respect to Express Mail which a carrier collects while delivering mail along their route or which an employee picks-up in response to a request for a pick-up, please advise whether the time of receipt for purposes of determining the guaranteed delivery date and time will be the time the mail is turned over to the carrier or the time it is processed when the carrier returns to the office.

**RESPONSE**

The guaranteed delivery commitment would be determined by the origin (or acceptance) Post Office, after the carrier returns and the “Origin (Postal Service Use Only)” section of the Express Mail label is completed.