

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

SIX-DAY TO FIVE-DAY CARRIER DELIVERY  
AND RELATED SERVICE CHANGES, 2010

Docket No. N2010-1

RESPONSES OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN (DBP/USPS-71-73)  
(July 15, 2010)

The United States Postal Service hereby responds to the following  
interrogatories of David B. Popkin, filed on June 30, 2010:

DBP/USPS-71-73

Each interrogatory is reprinted below, and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

By its attorneys:

Daniel J. Foucheaux  
Chief Counsel, Pricing and Product Support

Brian Reimer

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20260-1137  
(202) 268-3037; Fax -5492

Docket No. N2010-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN

**DBP/USPS-71** Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-59. Your response appears to be based on the failure to dispatch mail that was expected to be processed on a given day. My original interrogatory refers to the ability of a local manager to make a claim that the distance to the processing plant was “excessive” and/or there was no transportation scheduled and therefore there was no need to dispatch delivery carrier collected mail the same day. Please respond to the original Interrogatory DBP/USPS-59 with the above explanation to clarify the intent.

**RESPONSE:**

[A] Not confirmed. Generally, all mail collected from the window or from carriers on their routes is to be dispatched to the plant in a timely manner for same day processing and dispatch. There are local situations where, due to excessive distance from the plant and resulting transportation schedules, it is not possible for this mail to be processed timely. Local cutoff times have been created in those offices and transportation has been provided to reach the plant for same day processing. Any mail received across the counter, or returned by carriers from their customers, after that time will be dispatched for processing the next business day. These situations have been in place for years and should be known to local customers.

[B] This situation is not the norm and is an unusual circumstance. Moreover, the variables around these offices are complex and vary from office to office.

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN

**DBP/USPS-72** Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-61. Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that post offices are not required to make a final collection of the lobby drop and outside blue collection box within one hour or less of the time of the final dispatch from the office.

**RESPONSE:**

Any final collections made by the clerks in this facility from the drops or collection boxes must be made within one hour of the scheduled final dispatch of mail.

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN

**DBP/USPS-73** Please refer to your response to Interrogatory DBP/USPS-63 subpart [a]. Please reanswer this Interrogatory if we eliminate any overflow collections that are made during the day and only consider the final collection that is associated with each dispatch to the processing center.

**RESPONSE:**

Scheduled collection times are required to be displayed for the lobby drop and any blue collection box located outside of the post office. Any final collections made by the clerks in this facility from the drops or collection boxes must be made within one hour of the scheduled final dispatch of mail.