Before The POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001



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Docket No. MC98-1

Mailing Online Service

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS ROTHSCHILD TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID POPKIN (DBP/USPS-T4-1)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness

Rothschild to the following interrogatory of David Popkin: DBP/USPS-T4-1, filed on

July 30, 1998.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Response of Postal Service Witness Rothschild to Interrogatories of David B. Popkin

DBP/USPS-T4-1: You indicate that a number of focus groups discussed the proposal prior to the filing. Did the focus groups discuss any of the following [If yes but not adopted, what was the reason for not adopting the idea?]:

[a] The ability to have the mail enter the system on the same day as it is put on the website.

[b] The concept of regional pricing.

[c] The ability to utilize post cards.

[d] The ability to utilize a return address.

[e] The ability to utilize the various address correction services.

RESPONSE:

[a] No.

[b] No.

[c] No.

[d] Yes. National Analysts was not involved in the selection of options adopted in the final service concept. We do not know the reasons for adopting or not adopting particular options.

[e] Yes. National Analysts was not involved in the selection of options adopted in the final service concept. We do not know the reasons for adopting or not adopting particular options.

DECLARATION

I, Beth B. Rothschild, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Beth B. Rothschild

Dated: 8-10-98

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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