

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN
(DBP/USPS-266 & 271)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin, filed on July 12, 2006: DBP/USPS-266 & 271.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

DBP/USPS-266 Please provide annual data for each of the past three years showing the percentage of single-piece Bound Printed Matter articles that were mailed which also qualified for mailing as Media or Library Mail. If actual data are not available, please provide the best available estimate and the criteria that were utilized to make that estimate.

RESPONSE:

No such data are available, nor is there any basis to make an estimate.

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DBP/USPS-271

[a] Please explain why the DMCS name for single-piece Bound Printed Matter is being changed to Non-presort Bound Printed Matter.

[b] Are there any other mail classes which may be mailed as a single piece which are not called Single-Piece in the DMCS?

[c] If so, please specify.

[d] Are any of these mail classes having the name changed to Non-presort?

[e] If so, please list. If not, please explain why not.

RESPONSE:

(a) The proposed name change better reflects reality. Bound Printed Matter is used, almost exclusively, by commercial mailers of catalogues and bound printed matter, including books, who normally meet the minimums required for discounted rates. To the extent that these mailers have smaller mailings that do not meet the presort requirements, they are “nonpresort” mailings, as are smaller mailings sent by anyone who does not presort. Also, see the response to DBP/USPS-220(a).

(b) Yes.

(c) Express Mail, Periodicals, and Parcel Post.

(d) No.

(e) Since they are not currently called “Single piece,” it is not clear why there would be a need to consider a change to “Nonpresort.”