

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

Complaint on Stamped Stationery

Docket No. C2004-3

INITIAL BRIEF OF DAVID B. POPKIN
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Respectfully submitted,

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Commission's Order No. 1465 established June 8, 2006 as the date that Initial Briefs are due.

I would like to bring one additional fact to the attention of the Commission. Page 11 of the Summer 2006 issue of *USA Philatelic* published by the United States Postal Service¹ indicates for the stamped stationery issue for The Art of Disney: Friendship the following wording: "Stamped Stationery (Pad of 12 Sheets & 12 two-cent stamps)" in one place on the page and "Also includes 12 two-cent stamps." in the second place on the page.

By providing two-cent stamps to match the 37¢ stamps that are already preprinted on these stamped letter sheets, the Postal Service is emphasizing that they are designed to use for mailing correspondence² and therefore are a postal service. If these stamped letter sheets were a "Philatelic Product" then it would not be necessary to provide the additional postage for mailing the article. In the other items shown in that issue of the *USA Philatelic* catalog that were issued prior to the latest rate change, the

¹ This publication shows all of the stamps that are currently available from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services in Kansas City.

² The 2¢ stamp when affixed to the 37¢ postage already preprinted on the stamped letter sheet will now provide the 39¢ First-Class Mail letter rate currently in effect.

Postal Service only states, "(Requires additional postage for mailing)" and does not provide the additional postage necessary to meet the increased rates.

For all of the reasons mentioned in the original complaint as well as the above information, the provision of these letter sheets should be considered a postal service that is regulated by the Commission.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the required participants of record in accordance with Rule 12.

June 8, 2006

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