

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN (DBP/USPS-98)  
(June 23, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the following  
interrogatory of David B. Popkin, filed on June 9, 2006:

DBP/USPS-98

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

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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**DBP/USPS-98.**

[a] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that in order to determine the volume of a parcel as noted in Interrogatory DBP/USPS-97, it would be necessary to multiply the length times the width times the height of the parcel and that these dimensions could include fractions and that would require conversion of the fraction of an inch to a decimal and that it would either require a computer program, calculator, or a series of manual calculations.

[b] Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that in order to determine the dimensional weight of a parcel as noted in Interrogatory DBP/USPS-97, it would be necessary to divide the volume by a 3-digit number and that it would either require a computer program, calculator, or a manual long division calculation.

**RESPONSE:**

[a] Not confirmed. The Postal Service has not yet worked out implementation procedures for Priority Mail dim-weighting, but the length, width and height measurements are likely to be rounded in some way, possibly to the nearest whole inch. That is the industry standard (*e.g.*, FedEx and UPS).

[b] Confirmed.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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