

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

COMPLAINT ON EXPRESS MAIL

Docket No. C2005-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF FILING  
ERRATA TO ANSWER (ERRATA)  
(July 14, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is today filing errata to its Answer in this Complaint.

On page 7 of the Answer, in paragraph 17, the Postal Service mistakenly calculated the total number of ZIP Codes nationwide to which it delivers Express Mail on Sundays and Holidays. The incorrect figure of 13,928 has been replaced by the correct figure of 13,806. Moreover, the incorrect figure of 807 ZIP codes assigned exclusively to post office boxes has been replaced with the correct figure of 684. On page 9 of the Answer, in paragraph 22, identical corrections have been made.

The corrected pages 7 and 9 are attached and should replace the corresponding pages that were filed on May 5, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Paragraph 17*

Denied. As of the date of this Answer, the Postal Service delivers Express Mail to 13,806 ZIP Codes nationwide on Sundays and holidays. The Postal Service further states that of these 13,806 ZIP Codes, 684 were assigned exclusively to post office boxes. Approximately 73.7 % of Express Mail volume is destined to these zip codes. The Postal Service further states that as of the date of this Answer, 42,503 active ZIP Codes exist, of which 3,194 are unique to a single recipient.

*Paragraph 18*

The Postal Service admits that it did not request an opinion and recommended decision from the Postal Rate Commission to establish a classification and rate for Express Mail commitments and delivery in three or more calendar days, since the DMCS currently provides for delivery of Express Mail on the second delivery day, and the Postal Service is not offering an Express Mail service that is distinct from that established by the DMCS.

*Paragraph 19*

Denied. The Postal Service states that it did not enact a policy or take actions directed at "ending delivery of Express Mail on Sundays and holidays to a substantial majority of ZIP Codes nationwide." Rather, the Postal Service experienced problems with its Express Mail transportation network, that, when addressed, led to collateral effects on its ability to maintain Next Day and Second Day delivery on Sundays and holidays to a number of ZIP Codes.

*Paragraph 22*

The Postal Service admits that it has designated 684 ZIP Codes which are assigned exclusively to post office boxes, for which Sunday and holiday delivery is available. The Postal Service further states that the 13,806 ZIP Codes that receive Express Mail on Sundays and holidays (see response to paragraph 17) have post office boxes within them, not just the 684 ZIP Codes that are exclusively assigned to post office boxes. Thus, there are far more than 807 destinating ZIP Codes to which Next Day and Second Day Express Mail is delivered on Sundays and holidays. The Postal Service admits that Express Mail items destined for post office boxes for which Sunday and holiday delivery is not available may be marked as "2<sup>nd</sup> Del. Day" on the "Day of Delivery" section of the March 2004 Label 11-B, (assuming that label is used, and not a previous version, and that the item ordinarily would have been marked as "2<sup>nd</sup>" and guaranteed for delivery on a Sunday or holiday if such Sunday and holiday delivery service were available).

*Paragraph 23*

The Postal Service admits that DMM Section 113.4.3 states, in part: "Express Mail Second Day Service shipments must be presented by 5 p.m., or such later time authorized by the postmaster." The Postal Service admits that at some post offices, it is possible that Express Mail presented on a Thursday may be marked for delivery on the "second delivery day" (meaning delivery on the following Monday, or the following Tuesday if Monday is a holiday), and that this marking may be applied as early as 3 p.m. on that Thursday. The Postal Service further states that, for some Express Mail

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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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