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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Order No. 1178; Docket No. A97-20]

Popejoy, Iowa 50227 (Thelma Stewart, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; H. Edward Quick, Jr., Vice-Chairman; George W. Haley; and W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III.

Issued May 30, 1997.

Docket Number: A97-20.

Name of Affected Post Office:

Popejoy, Iowa 50227.

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Thelma Stewart.

Type of Determination: Closing.

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: May 28, 1997.

Categories of Issues Apparently Raised:

1. Effect on the community (39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)).
2. Effect on postal services (39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(C)).

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed (39 U.S.C. 404 (b)(5)). In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal

Service to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 20 days from the issuance of the request and the Postal Service shall serve a copy of its memoranda on the petitioners. The Postal Service may incorporate by reference in its briefs or motions, any arguments presented in memoranda it previously filed in this docket. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

The Commission orders: (a) The Postal Service shall file the record in this appeal by June 12, 1997.

(b) The Secretary of the Postal Rate Commission shall publish this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
Secretary.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Order No. 1177; Docket No. A97-19]

Rago, Kansas 67128 (Edwin J. Miller, Petitioner); Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule Under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)

Issued May 30, 1997.

Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; H. Edward Quick, Jr., Vice-Chairman; George W. Haley; and W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III

Docket Number: A97-19.

Name of Affected Post Office: Rago, Kansas 67128.

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): Edwin J. Miller.

Type of Determination: Closing.

Date of Filing of Appeal Papers: May 28, 1997.

Categories of Issues Apparently

Raised: 1. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)].

2. Effect on postal services [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(C)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues.

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By the Commission.

Margaret P. Crenshaw,
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Appendix

May 28, 1997—Filing of Appeal letter
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September 25, 1997—Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)]

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POSTAL SERVICE

Removal of the Domestic Mail Manual Transition Book

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Effective June 30, 1997, the Domestic Mail Manual Transition Book (DMMT) is removed as an official Postal Service document. This removal reflects the final disposition of postal rules and regulations contained in that document, which was part of the Domestic Mail Manual as incorporated by reference under title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, 111.1.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neil Berger, (202) 268-2859.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In revising the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) for release as DMM Issue 46 on July 1, 1993, the Postal Service identified rules and procedures in the DMM that did not govern the eligibility for, and use of, domestic mail services. The Postal

Service made a determination not to include that material in DMM Issue 46 and in subsequent issues of the DMM.

The identified material chiefly fell into two categories: (1) Recommendations for voluntary customer action; (2) internal instructions to postal employees. Other identified material not relating to mail classification included post office discontinuances, delivery policies, and philatelic procedures.

Pending the transfer of these rules and procedures to other documents, the Postal Service on July 1, 1993, published the identified material in a separate part of the DMM titled the Domestic Mail Manual Transition Book (DMMT). In creating the DMMT, the Postal Service provided that the rules included in that document remain in full force through June 30, 1994.

The purpose of that 1-year period was to allow the Postal Service to decide whether to rescind the rules in the DMMT or to incorporate them into other documents. As the following tables show, several changes were made to the DMMT since its publication.

The Postal Service rescinded the June 30, 1994, expiration date of the DMMT in a notice published on June 20, 1994, in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 31655-31656) and in Postal Bulletin 21870 (06-23-94). A subsequent notice of revision of the DMMT was published on October 23, 1996, in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 55053-55057) showing

the removal or redesignation of nearly 75 percent of the material in the DMMT. Additional time was required to complete the transfer of the remaining material on application procedures, Express Mail acceptance and delivery, and postage meter procedures.

Table I shows the revisions made to the DMMT before a final disposition was made to selected sections. The Postal Bulletin, an official biweekly directive of the Postal Service, is cited by issue for the notice of these revisions.

Table II shows all DMMT sections rescinded (deleted) or transferred to certain Postal Service documents. The Postal Bulletin issue cited represents the issue containing the final revision action and disposition. The Postal Bulletin issues and the titles of the revisions used to construct this table are as follows:

- 21931 (10-24-96), Issuance of Revised Postal Operations Manual (this Postal Bulletin issue not cited in table).
- 21937 (01-16-97) Issuance of Revised Publication 2.
- 21940 (02-27-97), Issuance of Handbook DM-701 (this Postal Bulletin issue corrects and supersedes table published in Postal Bulletin 21931).
- 21941 (03-13-97), Express Mail Acceptance and Delivery.
- 21948 (06-19-97), Removal of Domestic Mail Manual Transition Book.

Stanley F. Mires,
Chief Counsel, Legislative.

TABLE I.—REVISIONS TO DMMT

Postal Bulletin	Action	Effective date	Sections	Subject
21846 (07-22-93)	Deletion	08-01-93	DMMT 164.5	First-day cancellations procedures for affixing stamps.
21850 (09-16-93)	Revision	07-01-93	DMMT 222.23	Express Mail security measures.
21851 (09-30-93)	Transfer	06-09-94	DMMT 113 to POM (Issue 6) 211 and 221.	Post office discontinuance procedures.
21851 (09-30-93)	Transfer	09-30-93	DMMT 123.3, 123.5, 124.1, and 124.5 to POM (Issue 6) 127 and 128.	Acceptance of nonmailable matter.
21856 (12-09-93)	Deletion	12-09-93	DMMT 426.311, 426.312, 426.32, 426.33, 426.35, and 427.52.	Second-class applications for additional entry.
21857 (12-23-93)	Revision	07-01-93	DMMT 138.4 and 917.23	Absentee balloting materials and nonrenewed business reply mail permits.
21869 (06-09-94)	Transfer and Revision	06-09-94	MMT 159.4 and 159.5 to POM (Issue 6) 650.	Dead mail and mail recovery centers.
21879 (10-27-94), 21880 (11-10-94).	Revision	10-27-94	DMMT 912.72, 913.71, 914.434, and 934.82.	Acceptance procedures for large-volume mailings with special services.
21897 (07-06-95)	Deletion	07-06-95	DMMT 465.2, 465.3, 664.2, 664.3, 784.2, and 784.3.	Elimination of requirement to submit written request to mail under plant-verified drop shipment (PVDS).