

Title (en)

Closed loop transaction based mail accounting and payment system with carrier payment through a third party initiated by mailing information release

Title (de)

Auf Transaktionen mit geschlossener Schleife basierendes Rechnungs- und Bezahlungssystem für Postsendungen mit durch Freigabe der Postversandinformation ausgelöster Bezahlung des Beförderers durch eine dritte Partei

Title (fr)

Système de facturation et de paiement du courrier basé sur la transmission en boucle fermée avec paiement du transporteur par un tiers déclenché par la libération de l'information d'envoi postal

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Abstract (en)

A method for mail accounting and payment includes creating a mail batch including a plurality of mailpieces and creating a statement of mailing (1014) containing data relating to the mail batch (1016). The statement of mailing is digitally signed to facilitate a subsequent verification of the integrity of the data in the statement of mailing. The digital signature is included as part of the statement of mailing. The statement of mailing is submitted to a transaction processing center (1008). The transaction processing center (1008) initiates a funds transfer to a carrier delivery service for carrier delivery services (1010) payment for the batch of mail (1016). The statement of mailing or other mailing data may be stored in a nonvolatile memory means. The nonvolatile memory means allows the statement of mailing (1014) to be stored therein and erased therefrom but not modified. <IMAGE>

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