

Title (en)

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING POSTAGE CREDIT OVER A NETWORK

Title (de)

SYSTEM UND VERFAHREN ZUR ABRUFEN VON POSTGUTHABEN ÜBER EIN NETZWERK

Title (fr)

SYSTEME ET PROCEDE DE RECUPERATION DE CREDIT D'AFFRANCHISSEMENT SUR UN RESEAU

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO9814909A2] A system and method for printing postage indicia, including a desired postage amount, onto a piece of mail. A user takes a postal dispensing device to, or establishes information communication with, an authorized agent of a postal authority in order to obtain a replenishment of the amount of postage stored within the portable postage dispensing device. A desired amount of postage is entered into the dispensing device by an authorized agent through a host processor-based system. The user is then able to access this stored postage at the user's location through a network of processor-based systems. By using the network of processor-based systems the user is able to couple the portable dispensing device to a first processor-based system and then allow distribution of postage amounts to multiple ones of the networked processor-based systems. These ones of the networked processor-based systems may then print an authorized postage indicia on a postal item.

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