IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS WESTERN DIVISION

KIM LOFTIN PLAINTIFF

vs.

4:07-cv-564

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, INC.

DEFENDANTS

Order Denying Default Judgment

Before the Court is Plaintiff Kim Loftin's Motion for

Default Judgment against Defendant UPS (doc. #42). Loftin claims

he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law pursuant to Federal

Rule of Civil Procedure 55 because UPS failed to file an answer

to the First Amended Complaint (doc. #28). UPS has now filed its

Answer (doc. #47), along with a response to the motion, in which

it claims there is no prejudice from its inadvertent failure to

file earlier. The Court agrees. UPS has been consistently

proactive in pursuing its defense. Its original Answer was filed

in a timely fashion and it has since filed an Amended Answer as

Loftin desired. Furthermore, UPS has filed a Motion for Summary

Judgment (doc. #34) prior to the motion at issue, which again

demonstrates its attentiveness to the issues. Particularly while

this motion is pending, the Court finds the previous failure to

file excusable, and thus Loftin's Motion is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2008.

ISTRICT COURT