Business Processes and Rules

Rates for RSS and Rate WS are generated by the Rating and Validation Engine (RAVE). RAVE validates accessorials, services, billing options and types for all Web clients and provides rates based off of this criteria as well as the lane pair (zone) of the shipment.

- In order for a customer to utilize the RSS or Rate WS APIs he must first be registered on UPS.com and be assigned an access key and username/ password. If a customer has an ABR contract, thus is ABR-enabled, the process of a shipment request is the same.
- The customer includes his Shipper # in the rate request and RAVE passes this information to Billing who applies any necessary incentives (negotiated rates). RAVE then provides the incented rate back to the customer in the rate response. Please note, if ever a customer has a rating issue within RSS or Rate WS, the rates can be compared to what CTC shows for the same shipment, as both of these applications should always be in sync, because their validation source (RAVE) is the same.
- The rates for the other Web applications should neither differ from RSS or Rate WS. The only time rates would be different is if there is a defect within one of the client systems, otherwise it should be assumed that they are all in sync.

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