

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT  
BASELINE NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT  
WITH BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

Docket No. MC2007-1

**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS RANEY TO  
INTERROGATORY OF THE AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO  
(APWU/USPS-ST3-3(D))  
(June 13, 2007)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Raney to the following interrogatory of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO: APWU/USPS-ST3-3(d) pursuant to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. MC2007-1/8, issued on June 12, 2007. Interrogatory APWU/USPS-ST3-3(d) was filed on May 9. The Postal Service objected on May 21, APWU filed a motion to compel a response on June 4 and the Postal Service filed a responsive pleading on June 11. The Presiding Officer's Ruling stated at page 2:

Assuming that the Postal Service has consulted with APWU and verified that its proposed response satisfies the needs of APWU, the Postal Service is directed to file its response by close of business on June 13, 2007. The Postal Service also shall have a witness prepared to answer any questions related to this interrogatory, at the June 14, 2007 hearing.

The Postal Service sent a copy of the attached response to APWU earlier this afternoon, but the parties have not reached agreement on how to proceed. The Postal Service hereby files witness Raney's response to interrogatory APWU/USPS-ST3-3(d). Mr. Raney will be available at tomorrow's hearing for oral cross-examination concerning this response. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

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**APWU/USPS-ST3-3.** Please examine the Library Reference USPS-LR-K-68  
“Acceptance Rate Study.”

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- d. Please provide a recent copy of a “Sort Plan Area Summary” End-of-Run report for a comparable length of time as described on page 2 of LR-K-68. The location and identification of the plant can be redacted but please label and define all the items that show on that report and explain how you would use it to calculate the percentage of mail finalized.

**RESPONSE:**

There are two primary categories of information on a typical End-of-Run report that would bear upon issues concerning automated equipment read and accept rates. Each category and the items contained within each category, as well as explanations for each item, are as follows:

**Piece Counts**

Fed—Number of pieces fed during run

Sorted—Number of pieces sorted during run

Rejects—Number of pieces rejected for any reason during run

Non-Reads—Number of pieces rejected as non-read during run

No Codes—Number of pieces rejected for no bar code during run

Jams—Number of machine jams during run

Stops—Number of machine stops during run

Stacker Full—Number of pieces sent to mech reject bin when the designated stacker is full

API POSTNET—Number of pieces rejected by API Postal Numeric Encoding Technique (POSTNET)

Unreadable ID Codes—Number of pieces coded as unreadable ID Tags

OSS Reject—Number of pieces rejected by OSS

OCR Reject—Number of pieces rejected by OCR

BCS Reject—Number of pieces rejected by BCS

Expired—Number of pieces with expired ID tags

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Out of Sort—Number of pieces rejected for being out of sort scheme during run

Misfaced—Number of pieces coded as misfaced by REC keyers

Last Stacker—Number of pieces that end up in the last bin during the run

Skew Errors—Number of skew errors during run

POSTNET Verify—Number of pieces coded as POSTNET verify errors

Out of Sequence—Number of pieces rejected for being out of sequence during run

Gap Errors—Number of gap errors during run

Over Length—Number of pieces over maximum length during run

ZIPs Not Received—Number of letters without ZIP results

Rerun—Number of pieces needing to be rerun

Double Fed—Number of pieces coded as double by Remote Encoding Center (REC) keyers

Under Height—Number of pieces under minimum height during run

Mech Reject—Number of pieces rejected for mechanical reasons during run

Unreadable no image (NOI)—Number of pieces coded as unreadable images

Confirmed UAA--- Number of pieces fed that have a confirmed/valid Change-of-Address on file

A—Number of pieces coded with A field

AB—Number of pieces coded with AB field

AB+—Number of pieces coded with AB+ field

C—Number of pieces coded with C field

C+—Number of pieces coded with C+ field

Tracking Rejects--- Number of pieces that the machine has lost positive tracking during transport to stackers

### **Statistics**

MPE Software Version—Current software version on machine

Pieces Accepted—Total number of pieces accepted. For the AFCS it is pieces cancelled

Pieces Rejected—Total number of pieces rejected

Pieces Accepted per Run Hour—Accept rate per run time hour

Pieces Accepted per Operation Hour—Accept rate per operational time hour

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5-Digit Sorted Pieces—Measures the amount of mail with applied 5-digit bar codes

9-Digit Sorted Pieces—Measures the amount of mail with applied 9-digit bar codes

11-Digit Sorted Pieces—Measures the amount of mail with applied 11-digit bar codes

Gross Acceptance Rate (GAR)—Measures the quality of mail and machine performance, how well mail pieces are read.  $GAR = \text{Accepted} / \text{Fed} \times 100$

Machine Acceptance Rate (MAR)—Measures the machine performance, how well mail pieces are read.  $MAR = (\text{Fed} - \text{Read Rejects}) / \text{Fed} \times 100$

Throughput per Run Hour—Measures the total pieces fed per run time hour

Throughput per Operation Hour—Measures the total pieces fed during the entire operating time, including all down time

5/9/11 Digit sorted by OCR/BCR/ICS/DSU—5/9/11-digit mail sorted by OCR/BCR/ICS/ Decision Storage Unit (DSU), respectively

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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