

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

EXPERIMENTAL PARCEL RETURN SERVICES

Docket No. MC2003-2

NOTICE OF ERRATA TO RESPONSE  
OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS GULLO  
TO INTERROGATORIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
(OCA/USPS-T1-24-36)

The Postal Service was recently informed by the Commission's docket section that the set of answers to OCA/USPS-T1-24-36, filed on June 20, 2003, did not include the responses to OCA/USPS-T1-24 and 25. The Postal Service hereby provides those responses. Because these responses had been included in the OCA's list of designations, undersigned counsel consulted with counsel for the OCA and is authorized to state that the OCA does indeed wish to have these answers included in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T1-24. At page 5 of your testimony, you state that all labels addressed to an RDU would be required to contain the 9-digit ZIP Code of the post office where the parcels would be picked up. Additionally, the RDU parcel labels would have to contain a postal routing barcode assigned to the unique ZIP Code of the origin BMC.

- a. Is it thus correct that each RDU parcel would contain two ZIP Codes for the delivery of the parcel?
- b. If not, please explain.
- c. Is there any operational complication posed by having two delivery ZIP Codes for a given parcel? Please explain.

RESPONSE:

a-b. Confirmed.

- c. The second ZIP Code on labels addressed to an RDU is a human-readable element of the postal routing barcode. For parcels received at the RDU office identified in the label address, the parcel would be sorted by the Mailer ID and held for pick up by the shipper or agent. RDU parcels that bypass the RDU office, or are received at a post office other than the one identified by the label address, are transported to the BMC that serves the ZIP Code where the parcel is entered. In the BMC, the postal routing barcode is scanned by the parcel sorting machine to sort the parcel to the appropriate chute or runoff. BMC personnel will be trained to sort all parcels containing a Parcel Return Services label to the run-out where the machinable parcels will be sorted. Once the parcels are transported to the designated processing area, the Mailer ID would be used to finalize the sortation to the appropriate shipper or agent for pick up.

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OCA/USPS-T1-25. Please refer to your testimony at page 6, lines 17 – 21. Is the origin BMC of the consumer's address the same as the RBMC? Please explain.

RESPONSE:

Yes. Both the origin BMC and RBMC refer to the BMC that services the ZIP Code of the consumer's address. In both cases, they refer to the BMC that would initially process the parcel.

## **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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