

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 AYUB TO INTERROGATORY OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER
ADVOCATE (OCA/USPS-T1-37)
(April 13, 2007)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Ayub to the following interrogatory of the Office of Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T1-37, filed on March 9, 2007. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response. The Postal Service's response to OCA/USPS-T1-35 will be forthcoming.

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OCA/USPS-T1-37. Please refer to your testimony at page 16, lines 8-9, and page 21, lines 1-2, which reference the baseline value read/accept rates for First-Class Mail and Standard Mail letters, respectively.

- a. Please confirm that the Postal Service's letter mail processing equipment is currently able to read Four-State barcodes. If you do not confirm, please explain when such equipment will be able to read Four-State barcodes.
- b. What modifications has the Postal Service made to letter mail processing equipment to permit such equipment to read Four-State barcodes? Please identify and discuss all such hardware, software or other modifications, and identify the mail processing equipment to which such modifications have been made.
- c. What effect have the modifications to permit letter mail processing equipment to read Four-State barcodes had on the read/accept rates of First-Class Mail and Standard Mail letters? Please explain[.] [sic]

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed. All Postal Service letter mail processing equipment is able to read and sort letters that contain the Intelligent Mail® Barcode (formerly called the Four-State Customer Barcode).
- b. A software upgrade entailing the addition of an Intelligent Mail barcode decoding algorithm was made to the letter mail processing equipment software to permit reading of the Intelligent Mail barcode. The machines upgraded were the Delivery Barcode Sorters (DBCS), Mail Processing Barcode Sorters (MPBCS) and the Carrier Sequence Barcode Sorters (CSBCS).
- c. To my knowledge, the modifications made to the barcode sorting equipment described in my response to part (b) above have not yet have had a measurable increase in the read/accept rates of First-Class Mail or Standard Mail letters. The use of the Intelligent Mail Barcode is intended to consolidate and automate ancillary services such as CONFRIM and ACS into the barcode.

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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