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Docket No. MC96-3

REVISED RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF NASHUA/MYSTIC/SEATTLE
(NMS/USPS-8(b)(ii) and 27)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides revised responses to two interrogatories of Nashua/Mystic/Seattle: NM/USPS-8(b)(ii) and NM/USPS-27. The original responses were filed on September 23, 1996.

The revised response to NM/USPS-8(b)(ii) updates the status of a study referred to in the original response. The revised response to NM/USPS-27 makes clear the original intention to refer to both "reverse manifest" and "weight averaging" procedures.

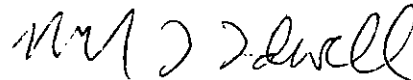
Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the revised response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

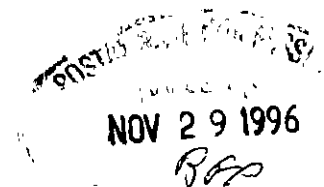
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REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
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NM/USPS-8.

- a. Since Docket No. R94-1, (i) has the Postal Service revised, corrected or updated any previous study dealing with BRM, including but not limited to the study submitted as a library reference in Docket No. R94-1; and (ii) has the Postal Service initiated or commissioned any new study or analysis dealing with BRM?
- b. Unless the answer to both (i) and (ii) above is an unqualified negative, please (i) identify all BRM studies or analyses completed, and submit copies of each completed study so identified as a library reference, and (ii) identify all BRM studies or analyses underway and describe fully the scope and status of any study not yet complete, and state the target schedule for completion of all such studies now in progress (include any studies in the planning stage as well as those actually underway).

RESPONSE:

a.

- (i) No.
- (ii) Yes.

b.

- (i) No studies have been completed.
- (ii) As part of its comprehensive management review of Business Reply Mail, the Postal Service is presently working on a study of the cost of accounting for some non-letter size BRM received by Nashua/Mystic/Seattle. It is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

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NM/USPS-27.

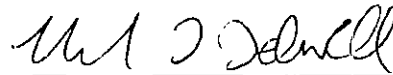
With respect to "other" BRM pieces (i.e., pieces not pre-barcoded and/or not machineable), does the Postal Service have in place any established procedures designed to avoid handling and accounting for each BRM piece individually? Unless your answer is an unqualified negative, please describe each such procedure and provide citations to the DMM or a library reference with all applicable instructions for use and implementation of each such procedure by post offices and field personnel.

RESPONSE:

Non-machinable/non-barcoded BRM has to be processed by the Postal Service in mechanized or manual operations. Most incoming cases and racks have a holdout for BRM mail for zone. Incoming Letter and Flat Sorting schemes also have a holdout for BRM. This mail would then have to be manually counted before delivery to the customer. Some plants have entered into local agreements with customers and have established "reverse manifest" and "weight averaging" procedures; however, there is no national policy which requires uniformity in the precise terms of these agreements.

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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