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MAILING ONLINE EXPERIMENT

Docket No. MC2000-2

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS GARVEY TO INTERROGATORIES OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
(OCA/USPS-T1-1-6)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Garvey to the following interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T1-1-6, filed on December 10, 1999.


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

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T1-1. Please refer to your testimony, Appendix A, the "Experimental Data Collection Plan." Does the Postal Service plan to collect and periodically report the advertising costs of Mailing Online during the experiment as part of the "Experimental Data Collection Plan?" Please explain.

RESPONSE:

Yes, during the experiment the Postal Service intends to collect and report advertising costs specific to Mailing Online.

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OCA/USPS-T1-2. Please refer to your testimony, Appendix A, the "Experimental Data Collection Plan."

- a. Please confirm that the mailing statement, Form 3600, will be the primary source of documentation for Mailing Online pieces entered as First-Class Mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- b. Please confirm that the mailing statement, Form 3602, will be the primary source of documentation for Mailing Online pieces entered as Standard (A) Mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- c. Please confirm that the "USPS Qualification Reports" will be a primary source of documentation for Mailing Online pieces entered as First-Class or Standard (A) Mail. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- d. Please confirm that San Mateo prepares in electronic form the mailing statements and USPS Qualification Reports identified in parts a., b. and c. of this interrogatory. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- e. Please confirm that the Postal Service will be able to preserve and retrieve the mailing statements and USPS Qualification Reports prepared in electronic form identified in parts a., b. and c. of this interrogatory. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- f. Please confirm that the Postal Service will collect the printed mailing statements and USPS Qualification Reports identified in parts a., b. and c. of this interrogatory that accompany the Mailing Online pieces entered at specified mail processing facilities. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- g. Please explain how the Postal Service intends to use the electronic and printed mailing statements and USPS Qualification Reports identified in parts e. and f. of this interrogatory to provide the data identified in the "Experimental Data Collection Plan."

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed
- b. Confirmed
- c. Confirmed
- d. Confirmed that a component of the Mailing Online system, currently scheduled to reside in San Mateo data center, will prepare the referenced reports.
- e. Confirmed
- f. Confirmed

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- g. *Unable to explain. The methodology for compiling and generating the data reports is still under development.***

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**OCA/USPS-T1-3. In Docket No. MC98-1, please refer to your response to
OCA/USPS-T1-72.**

- a. Please confirm that the Version 3 system software under development will include the "Mail.dat opportunity." If you do not confirm, please explain.
- b. Please confirm that the "Mail.dat opportunity" will permit the association of mailing statements with batch numbers. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- c. Please explain how the Postal Service intends to use the "Mail.dat opportunity" to provide the data identified in the "Experimental Data Collection Plan."

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed.
- b. Confirmed
- c. See my response to OCA/USPS-T1-2 g.

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OCA/USPS-T1-4. Please refer to your response to OCA/USPS-T1-45(f) in
Docket No. MC98-1.

- a. On the first day of the experiment, in the case of First-Class Mail, please confirm that there are 62 job-types, and that the page-count can be equal to or less than 48 pages. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- b. On the first day of the experiment, in the case of Standard (A) Mail (Regular), please confirm that there are 62 job-types, and that the page-count can be equal to or less than 48 pages. If you do not confirm, please explain.
- c. On the first day of the experiment, please confirm that Standard (A) Mail (Nonprofit), and Priority Mail and Express Mail service will not be offered to customers. If you do not confirm, please explain.

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed as follows:

Letter & legal 2 possible plex options – simplex or duplex
x 3 possible binding options – stapled, not stapled or tape binding
6
x 2 possible paper sizes – letter or legal
12
x 5 possible color options – black, red, green, blue, magenta
60

Newsletter 1 possible plex option – duplex
x 2 possible binding options – stapled or not stapled
2
x 1 possible paper size – newsletter (11"x17")
2
x 1 possible color option – black
2

This is a total of 62 job-type batches. The page-count can be equal to or less than 48 for letter and legal size paper. Newsletter size - 11" x 17" - paper limit the page count to 24 pages.

- b. Confirmed as described in a. above.
- c. Confirmed that Priority Mail and Express Mail service will not be offered on the first day of the experiment. Unable to confirm that Standard (A)

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Mail (Nonprofit) will not be offered on the first day of the experiment. At this time we are still attempting to integrate nonprofit registration and authentication in the software release being readied for the first day of the experiment.

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OCA/USPS-T1-5. Please refer to your testimony at page 2, lines 18-20, where it states, "The single piece First-Class Mail rate will be offered only as an option for mailpieces with addresses which cannot be standardized."

- a. Will the Postal Service or customers exercise this option? If customers do so, will they be informed of the amount of single piece First-Class postage separate from the First-Class or Standard (A) automation basic postage charge for their other Mailing Online pieces? Please explain.**
- b. Please explain what is meant by the phrase "mailpieces with address that cannot be standardized."**

RESPONSE:

- a. Customers will exercise the option, and will subsequently be informed of the amount of single-piece First-Class Mail postage applied to those pieces.**
- b. Subsequent to the upload of an address/data list, a Mailing Online user is informed of the results of an automated address standardization process. Addresses not clearing this process of validation and address element standardization are flagged to indicate why they failed.**

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**OCA/USPS-T1-6. Please refer to the response of OCA witness Callow to
PB/OCA-T100-8 and PB/OCA-T100-9 in Docket No. MC98-1.**

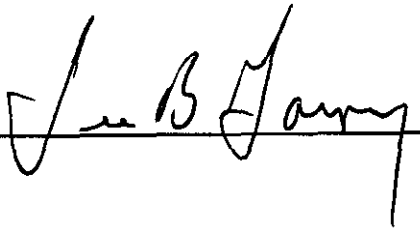
- a. In PB/OCA-T100-8, Attachment 1, please confirm that the First-Class Mail rates listed in Attachment 1 for Mailing Online letter-size, legal-size and newsletter-size pieces by job-type and page-count are correct. If you do not confirm, please explain and provide the correct First-Class Mail rates for letter-size, legal-size and newsletter-size pieces by job-type and page-count.**
- b. In PB/OCA-T100-9, Attachment 1, please confirm that the Standard (A) Mail rates listed in Attachment 1 for Mailing Online letter-size, legal-size and newsletter-size pieces by job-type and page-count are correct for pieces weighing 3.2985 ounces or less. If you do not confirm, please explain and provide the correct Standard (A) Mail rates for letter-size, legal-size and newsletter-size pieces by job-type and page-count for pieces weighing 3.2985 ounces or less.**
- c. In PB/OCA-T100-9, Attachment 2, please confirm that the Standard (A) Mail rates listed in Attachment 2 for Mailing Online letter-size, legal-size and newsletter-size pieces by job-type and page-count are correct for pieces weighing more than 3.2985 ounces. If you do not confirm, please explain and provide the correct Standard (A) Mail rates for letter-size, legal-size and newsletter-size pieces by job-type and page-count for pieces weighing more than 3.2985 ounces.**

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed.**
- b. Confirmed.**
- c. Confirmed.**

DECLARATION

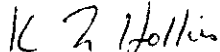
I, Lee Garvey, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Dated: 12/20/99

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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