

BEFORE THE
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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS THRESS TO INTERROGATORIES OF
THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
(NAA/USPS-T7-13)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Thress to the following interrogatories of the Newspaper Association of America: NAA/USPS-T7-1-13, filed on March 21, 2000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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NAA/USPS-T7-13 Please refer to LR-I-122.

- a. Please identify the version of Soritec statistical software which you used to run these programs.
- b. Note that the file "deqn.sac" contains the note "if soritec ever gets its memory problems fixed, this program could conclude with a series of execute commands." However, the file "deqn.sac" does conclude with a series of execute commands. Please detail what was intended by the note.
- c. Please confirm that simply running the file deqn.sac from within Soritec does not generate the results in your testimony, and in fact, hangs the computer system due to Soritec memory problems.
- d. If you cannot confirm this, please describe the computer environment which you are running that allows you to successfully run "deqn.sac".
- e. If you can confirm that simply running "deqn.sac" does not generate the results in your testimony and in fact hangs the computer system, please give the sequence of running programs and modifying programs which generate the results in your testimony without hanging the computer system.
- f. "Deqn.sac" refers to an output file called "out_r2000.LST". Please provide "out_r2000.LST."

RESPONSE:

- a. Soritec for Windows 95/NT Version 1.1 Alpha.
- b. When I first began using Soritec for Windows 95/NT I encountered some problems with memory. These were subsequently alleviated sufficiently to enable me to estimate all of the demand equations through DEQN.SAC as filed in LR-I-122. Apparently, however, I neglected to delete my earlier note.
- c. Not confirmed.
- d. I am using Windows 95 on a Pentium computer with 32 Mb of RAM. In order for DEQN.SAC to successfully finish, I have found it necessary to specify the workspace in

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Soritec to be equal to at least 250 Mb (the workspace may be set in Soritec for Windows 95/NT through the "File" menu, command "Workspace"). This requires sufficient hard disk space for Soritec to create a temporary workspace of this size.

e. Not applicable.

f. The file "out_r2000.LST" can be found in Library Reference LR-I-247, which has been filed with this response.

DECLARATION

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Thress", is written above a horizontal line.

(Signed)

4-3-00

(Date)

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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