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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS XIE
UPS/USPS-T1-43(a-b)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatories of United Parcel Service: UPS/USPS-T1-43(a-b), filed on March 23, 2000, and redirected from witness Xie.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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UPS/USPS-T1-43.

The following questions relate to the TRACS Highway Subsystem (USPS-LR-I-52).

(a) Describe the updating process for the NASS data that serves as an input to the sample selection part of the procedure. How current is the information in the system at the time the TRACS sample selection process begins? How often is the data updated?

(b) Describe the updating process for the Highway Pay Master File data that serves as an input to the sample selection part of the procedure. How current is the information in the system at the time the TRACS sample selection process begins? How often is the data updated?

(c) Describe the updating process for the Highway Contract Support System data that serves as an input to the sample selection part of the procedure. How current is the information in the system at the time the TRACS sample selection process begins? How often is the data updated?

(d) Describe how far in advance of the beginning of a quarter the TRACS sample is selected. What is the age of the data files used at that time -- are they current as of that day, or were they set aside at an earlier time?

RESPONSE

(a) The job to update the NASS file (LAXSTN.PS272D13) used by the TRACS Highway sample selection process, is manually initiated at the St. Louis IBSSC. The file is updated approximately one week prior to the time the TRACS sample selection process begins. This information is about one week old at the time when the sample selection process begins. The data are updated each Postal Quarter.

(b) The job to update the Highway Pay Master File (ACR.ST008T11) is manually initiated at the St. Louis IBSSC. This job is run by a programmer each

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Wednesday night. Since this file is updated weekly, this information is one week old at the time when the sample selection process begins.

(c) Answered by Witness Xie.

(d) Answered by Witness Xie.

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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