

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS O'TORMEY  
TO INTERROGATORIES OF ASSOCIATION FOR POSTAL COMMERCE  
(POSTCOM/USPS-ST42-1-2)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness O'Tormey to the following interrogatories of Association for Postal Commerce: POSTCOM/USPS-ST42-1-2, filed on April 21, 2000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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**POSTCOM/USPS-ST42-1** Please refer to Page 21 of the "Strategic Improvement Guide for Flats Processing" (LR-I-193) where it states, "Ideally, all FSM 881 machineable flats should be processed on the FMOCR. However, depending on the mailbase being processed, the reality is that only 70% to 80% of the non-barcode flats inducted will be read by the FMOCR, which means that 20% to 30% of the flats inducted will not be read by the FMOCR." Please confirm that this FMOCR read rate for non-barcode, machineable flats is consistent with your experience. If confirmed provide any data of which you are aware supporting this conclusion. If not confirmed, please explain fully.

**Response:**

Not confirmed. The FMOCR read rate has improved. Presently, I know the read rate for the FMOCR is approximately 80-90% depending on the mailbase processed.

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**POSTCOM/USPS-ST42-2** Has the deployment of FMOCRs that you discuss at page 9 of your testimony increased the productivity of FSM 881?

**Response:**

No. Although the productivity on the FSM 881 while operating exclusively in the FMOCR mode is about 30% higher than when operating in the keying mode, the overall productivity of the FSM operation did not increase. See response to ANM/USPS-ST42-5.

**DECLARATION**

I, Walter F. O'Tormey, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Walter F. O'Tormey

Dated: 5-8-00

**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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan M. Duchek", written over a horizontal line.

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