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**REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS KINGSLEY TO INTERROGATORY OF AOL-TW-T39-5(a)(ERRATA)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its revised response of witness Kingsley to the following interrogatory of AOL/TW-T39-5(a), filed on October 18, 2001. The original response, filed on November 2, 2001, referred to 250 unique active ZIP Codes. A zero was inadvertently omitted, and the actual number of unique active ZIP Codes is 2,500.

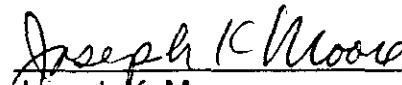
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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AOL-TW/USPS-T-39-5

- a. How many valid 5-digit ZIP codes are there in the US?
- b. How many 5-digit schemes are there for sortation of flats to carrier route, counting as one a scheme that serves more than one 5-digit ZIP code?
- c. How many 5-digit schemes are there that serve ten or more carrier routes?
- d. How many schemes serve fifteen or more carrier routes?
- e. How many 5-digit schemes can be performed on one AFSM-100 at the same time? If more than one, please describe any restrictions that apply (e.g., limit on total number of carrier routes, etc.)
- f. How much time does it normally take to switch from one incoming secondary scheme to another on the AFSM-100?
- g. How many incoming secondary schemes are performed on AFSM-100 or FSM-881 machines today and how many will be performed on these machines in the test year?

RESPONSE:

- (a) There are currently 42,735 active ZIP Codes of which approximately 2500 are uniques.
- (b) Assuming the question is asking specifically about sort schemes or plans used on FSM equipment to process flats to carrier-route, this information is not known at the national level.
- (c) – (d) Assuming this question relates to the FSM sort schemes or plans used to process flats to carrier-route, this information is not known at the national level. However, please note that currently, 8800 zones are targeted for

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incoming secondary (carrier route) distribution on FSMs, and approximately 8100 of those zones have 10 or more routes.

(e) The AFSM 100 has 120 stackers. Allowing for a limited number of stackers used for rejects and firm holdouts, the remaining stackers can accommodate as many 5-digit zones as can fit in the remaining stackers, assuming one route per stacker. For example, as many as 11 zones averaging 10 routes each could fit on an AFSM 100 secondary sort program. However, it is my understanding that the current carrier route sort plans typically average around 3 to 4 5-digit zones.

(f) According to the AFSM 100 National Standardization Guide, "AFSM 100 supervisor and craft go through a well planned and almost choreographed 30 minutes prepping, prior to sort program changeover, followed by 20 minutes of sweeping, dispatching and tub labeling to minimize the time when the AFSM 100 is not operating." The planning objective for the Program Changeover, when the AFSM 100 is not feeding mail, is 9 minutes. Workhours caused by the scheme change and occurring during the 50 minutes surrounding the Program Changeover are also part of the time required to change a scheme. It would understate the impact of scheme changes to say that the time required is only the Program Changeover time.

(g) The number of incoming secondary schemes employed is not known at the national level. However, please note that approximately 7000 zones are currently receiving incoming secondary processing on AFSM 100s and/or

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FSM 881s, and approximately 8800 zones are targeted to receive incoming secondary processing by the test year.

DECLARATION

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


LINDA A. KINGSLEY

Dated: 11/5/01

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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