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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS MODEN TO INTERROGATORIES OF
DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
(DFC/USPS-T4-1-5)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides responses of witness Moden to the following interrogatories of Douglas F. Carlson: DFC/USPS-T4-1-5, filed on August 4, 1997.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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DFC/USPS-T4-1. Please confirm that some Burroughs OCR's can read more than one line of an address and apply a Delivery Point Bar Code. If you do not confirm, please explain fully.

Response:

Confirmed.

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DFC/USPS-T4-2. Please provide the manufacturer name(s) of all Single-Line OCR's that are still in use.

Response:

Burroughs

Pitney Bowes

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DFC/USPS-T4-3. After the Low-Cost MLOCR deployment project is finished, will some small facilities still be using a Burroughs OCR?

Response:

Possibly. As I mentioned on page 6, line 8 of my testimony, the Low-Cost OCR deployment is targeted to sites as a replacement for SLOCRs. It is possible that the SLOCR might be moved to a smaller facility, where it could be used for limited applications.

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DFC/USPS-T4-4. Please provide the percentage of all mail bearing delivery-point bar codes (or 9-digit bar codes, if a DPBC is unnecessary for a particular address) that actually received Delivery Point Sequencing.

Response:

I am unable to provide the percentage of all mail bearing delivery point bar codes that actually received DPS processing. However, I can tell you that 32% of all delivery point barcodes received DPS processing in the plants. This percentage does not include DPS volumes processed by CSBCS sites, so the overall percentage would be higher when CSBCS processing is considered.

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DFC/USPS-T4-5. Please refer to your testimony at page 9, lines 21-26. Please provide the Postal Service's objective for using DPS or sector-segment sortation to sort mail destined to five-digit ZIP Codes that are unique to a post-office-box section.

Response:

The objective of the DPS program is to reduce the carrier's in-office time.

Accordingly, we utilize the majority of our processing capacity to provide DPS to delivery zones with ten or more routes. Providing DPS or sector-segment sortation to 5-digit zones, that are unique to a post office box section, does not yield as great a cost savings as a 5-digit zone that contains carrier routes - specifically zones with ten or more routes. However, local sites do have the discretion to provide DPS or sector-segment to 5-digit zones, that are unique to post office box sections, when the processing capacity is available and it is deemed cost effective.

DECLARATION

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

Ralph J. Moden

Dated: 8/15/97

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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