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RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS SECKAR TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS TAUFIQUE
(ABP/USPS-T34-7(B))

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Seckar to the following interrogatory of the American Business Press: ABP/USPS-T34-7(b), filed on August 20, 1997, and redirected from witness Taufique.

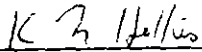
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABP/USPS-T34-7.

b. Will SCF sacks be allowed for Periodicals in the test year? If they are going to be allowed, what will be the effect on USPS mail processing costs if (1) automated 3 and 5-digit packages, now in ADC or mixed ADC sacks, are placed in SCF sacks and (2) if nonautomated 3 and 5-digit packages, now in ADC or mixed ADC sacks, are placed in SCF sacks?

RESPONSE:

b. It is my understanding that the Postal Service is planning to propose that SCF sacks be allowed for Periodicals starting at some point during the test year. Based upon the methodology used to produce Periodicals mail processing costs, only bundle sorting costs would be affected by moving packages (automated or nonautomated) from one sack presort level to another. The Periodicals bundle sorting costs contained in LR-H-134 are generated using mail characteristics data (from LR-H-190) that reflect an environment in which SCF sacks were used. As a result, the mail processing costs presented in USPS-T-26 reflect the inclusion of SCF sacks.

DECLARATION

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

Paul G. Seckar

Date: 9/3/97

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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