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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE FLORIDA GIFT FRUIT SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS HATFIELD
(FGFSA/USPS-T16-17(B)-(E))

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory subparts of the Florida Gift Fruit Shippers Association: FGFSA/USPS-T16-17(b)-(e), filed on September 3, 1997, and redirected from witness Hatfield.


The interrogatory subparts are stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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GIFT FRUIT SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS HATFIELD

FGFSA/USPS-T-16-17. Refer to your response to FGFSA/USPS-T-16-10 and your statement that "However, there do exist instances in which parcel post travels directly from an origin SCF to a destination SCF."

- a) Identify all of the factors taken into account in determining when those "instances" apply for machinable parcels entered using the Intra-BMC.
- b) Confirm that the usual and customary operating procedures for handling parcel post provide that the parcels will be sent to the BMC for sorting.
- c) Are the parcels sent to the BMC for sorting for the convenience of the Postal Service or the mailer?
- d) Confirm that one reason for sending the parcels to the BMC for sorting is to avoid manual sorting at the SCF.
- e) If more than 30 parcels, destined for various 5-digit delivery offices, are entered by the same mailer at the same time, will these parcels be sorted manually by the SCF or will they be sent to the BMC for sorting?

RESPONSE:

- a) Response provided by witness Hatfield.
- b) Normal operating procedures for Parcel Post include routing through at least one BMC for processing.
- c) Parcels are sent to a BMC for processing because these facilities are better equipped to handle Parcel Post than other processing facilities.
- d) Confirmed.
- e) Please see the response to part b) above.

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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