

Before The
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Repositionable Notes Market Test)

Docket No. MC2004-5

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS DARRON K. HOLLAND (OCA/USPS-T1- 13 - 15)
(August 12, 2004)

Pursuant to Rules 25 through 28 of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission, the Office of the Consumer Advocate hereby submits interrogatories and requests for production of documents. Instructions included with OCA interrogatories OCA/USPS-T1-1-8, dated July 29, 2004, are hereby incorporated by reference

Respectfully submitted,

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OCA/USPS-T1-13. Please refer to your testimony at 3, lines 9 – 23. There you describe the results of a “live’ flat-sized mail” test in November 2003. You state that RPNs placed on Standard Mail tabloid-like pieces were processed successfully on the AFSM 100.

- a. Please provide all documentation of the November 2003 “live” flats test, including the results of the test.
- b. In addition to the AFSM 100, please list all automation processing equipment for flats that may be used to process RPN flats during the course of the provisional test.
- c. Please state the types of facilities that house AFSM 100s and the flats automation equipment listed in response to part (b).
- d. Provide a detailed description of the processing steps performed on automatable flats in P & DCs. In particular, describe the steps performed on automatable flats when they are processed singly (as opposed to bundled or trayed).
 - i. Highlight any differences in the way flats are inserted into different flats automation equipment.
 - ii. Highlight any differences in the way flats travel through different flats automation equipment.
 - iii. Highlight any differences in the way flats exit the different flats automation equipment.
- e. Please give the percentage breakdown of flats automation equipment in the Postal Service processing network by type of equipment, e.g., AFSM 100s comprise what % of total flats automating equipment, etc.?

OCA/USPS-T1-14. Please give a step-by-step description of the processing of non-automatable letters, including the facilities in which the processing takes place.

- a. Also, confirm that there has been no test of whether non-automatable RPN letters present problems in processing.
- b. If you do not confirm, then describe the test of non-automatable RPN letters, including the number of pieces tested, the testing location, and the results of the test.

OCA/USPS-T1-15. Please give a step-by-step description of the processing of non-automatable flats, including the facilities in which the processing takes place.

- a. Also, confirm that there has been no test of whether non-automatable RPN flats present problems in processing.
- b. If you do not confirm, then describe the test of non-automatable RPN flats, including the number of pieces tested, the testing location, and the results of the test.