

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001**

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2005

Docket No. R2005-1

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON
INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS
MARC D. McCRERY
(DFC/USPS-T29-1-11)**

April 25, 2005

Pursuant to sections 25–27 of the *Rules of Practice*, I hereby submit interrogatories to United States Postal Service witness Marc D. McCrery.

The instructions contained in my interrogatories DFC/USPS-1–19 are incorporated herein by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 25, 2005

DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

DFC/USPS-T29-1. Please refer to your testimony at page 4, lines 2–3. Are you aware that some P&DC’s routinely operate the AFCS in a “lift everything” mode (i.e., the AFCS lifts both OCR-readable and script mail)?

DFC/USPS-T29-2. Please refer to your testimony at page 4, lines 11–13.

- a. Please describe how the ink-jet canceller (IJC) will automate the cancellation process.
- b. Please provide a nationwide rollout schedule for the IJC.
- c. Please estimate the cost savings that the Postal Service expects to realize from the IJC.
- d. Are the cost savings of the IJC factored into test-year mail-processing costs?

DFC/USPS-T29-3. Please refer to your testimony at page 4, lines 13–15. Please explain how the OCR upgrade will operate and why it will focus on five-digit ZIP Codes. If a document is available summarizing and describing this upgrade, please provide it.

DFC/USPS-T29-4. Please refer to your testimony at page 4, lines 16–17. Please explain how the Video Facing Modification program operates. If a document is available summarizing and describing this program, please provide it.

DFC/USPS-T29-5. Please refer to your testimony at page 4, lines 17–19. Will the remaining 728 AFCS machines not be upgraded with the Video Facing Modification?

DFC/USPS-T29-6. Please refer to your testimony at page 4, lines 26–27. Do all MLOCR’s have 60 stackers?

DFC/USPS-T29-7. Please provide the percentage of mail in the RBCS — i.e., mail for which an image has been lifted — that is sent to an REC for resolution of at least part of the address.

DFC/USPS-T29-8. Please provide the percentage of mail whose address the MLOCR and DIOSS machines resolve to the depth of sort required without sending an image to the RBCS.

DFC/USPS-T29-9. Suppose an MLOCR is able to resolve an address to the depth of sort required, without sending the image to the RBCS; however, text is preprinted on the envelope in the area where the Postnet bar code is sprayed, and this text renders the Postnet bar code illegible. Will the ID Code Sortation system allow this letter to be sorted using information contained in the RBCS ID tag?

DFC/USPS-T29-10. Suppose a DIOSS operating in OCR mode is able to resolve an address to the depth of sort required, without sending the image to the RBCS; however, text is preprinted on the envelope in the area where the Postnet bar code is sprayed, and this text renders the Postnet bar code illegible. Will the ID Code Sortation system allow this letter to be sorted using information contained in the RBCS ID tag?

DFC/USPS-T29-11. Please provide a document that summarizes the Postal Automated Redirection System.