

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001**

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES

Docket No. R2005-1

**Major Mailers Association's First Set Of
Interrogatories And Document Production Requests To United States
Postal Service Witness Marc D. McCrery (MMA/USPS-T29-1-4)
(April 29, 2005)**

Pursuant to Rules 25 and 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, Major Mailers Association herewith submits the following interrogatories and document production requests to United States Postal Service Witness Marc D. McCrery (MMA/USPS-T29-1-4).

Respectfully submitted,

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MMA/USPS-T29-1

On page 2 of your testimony, you describe the mail preparation for First-Class single piece letters and cards. You indicate that bundles and trays of metered letters are “forwarded directly to sortation equipment”.

- A. Please describe the entire mail preparation process for First-Class metered mail (BMM) that is brought to the Postal Service in trays of 500 or more pieces. If you do not have first hand knowledge of BMM, then please state so and answer the question with respect to bundles of metered mail.
- B. Are BMM or bundled metered mail pieces cancelled? If so, in what operation does this occur and how is it accomplished?
- C. Are BMM pieces or bundled metered mail pieces culled? If so, in what operation does this occur and how is it accomplished?
- D. For FY 2004 or the most recent fiscal year for which actual data are available, how much BMM or bundled metered mail was machinable? Please source the information you provide.
- E. For FY 2004 or the most recent fiscal year for which actual data are available, how much single piece metered mail was machinable? Please source the information you provide.

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On pages 3-5 of your testimony, you describe the Remote Bar Coding System (RBCS).

- A. Is the Advanced Facer Cancellor System (AFCS) normally an integral part of the RBCS? Please explain.
- B. Will BMM that is “forwarded directly to sortation equipment” be sent to the AFCS? If your answer is no, then to what operation is BMM normally sent?
- C. Does the Input Sub System (ISS) resolve just machine printed addresses? If not, please explain.
- D. Is the Multi-line Optical Character Reader (MLOCR) a part of the ISS? If not, please explain how the two interact.

- E. What percent of letters fed into the ISS is actually successfully read and barcoded without the aid of the Remote Computer Reader (RCR) and Remote Encoding Center (REC)? Please provide a source for your answer.
- F. Does the RCR resolve just machine printed addresses or both machine printed addresses and handwritten addresses?
- G. For the 27.5% of the letters that the RCR cannot resolve, please provide the specific reasons why these addresses cannot be resolved.
- H. Does the Remote Encoding Center (REC) resolve just machine printed addresses or both machine printed addresses and handwritten addresses?
- I. What percent of the images sent to the REC are successfully resolved?
- J. Please provide national data for the latest fiscal year available detailing (1) how many pieces were fed into the AFCS (2) how many pieces were successfully barcoded in the AFCS by an MLOCR without the aid of the RCR or REC, (3) how many pieces were successfully barcoded with the aid of the RCR, (4) how many pieces were successfully barcoded with the aid of the REC, and (5) how many pieces could not be barcoded. Please provide the source(s) for your answer.
- K. Please provide projected national data for Test Year 2006 detailing (1) how many pieces will be fed into the AFCS (2) how many will be successfully barcoded by the AFCS by an MLOCR without the aid of the RCR or REC, (3) how many will be successfully barcoded with the aid of the RCR, (4) how many will be successfully barcoded with the aid of the REC, and (5) how many will not be barcoded. Please also provide the source(s) for your answer.

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Please refer to page 10 of your testimony where you provide information regarding the amount of mail that was barcoded by the Postal Service during FY 2004.

- A. For FY 2004 or the most recent fiscal year for which actual data are available, please provide the volumes to complete the table below, along with the source(s) for the volumes. Note: columns 1, 2, and 3 should add up to column 4.

Subclass	USPS Applied Barcode	Mailer Applied Barcode	Letters Not Able To Be Barcoded	Total Letters
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
First Class				
Standard				
Total				

- B. For column (3) in your answer to part A, please divide the total letters not successfully barcoded by the Postal Service into machinable letters and nonmachinable letters, as shown in the table below:

Subclass	Letters Not Able To Be Barcoded	Machinable Letters Not Able To Be Barcoded	Nonmachinable Letters Not Able To Be Barcoded
	(1)	(2)	(3)
First Class			
Standard			
Total			

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Please refer to page 10 of your testimony where you provide information regarding the percentage of mail that was delivery point sequenced (DPSed) during FY 2004. You state that 89% of all barcoded letters was DPSed during that time period.

- A. Please confirm that in R2001-1 USPS witness Kingsley testified that 94.8% of barcoded letters was successfully sorted by automation in the incoming secondary operation during FY 2001, the R2000-1 test year. See R2001-1, TR 9/ 2256. If you do not confirm, please explain.

- B. Please reconcile Ms. Kingsley's figure of 94.8% with your figure of 89%. Please source and document the information you provide.
- C. For FY 2004 or the most recent fiscal year for which actual data are available, please provide the volumes of barcoded letters (letters barcoded either by the Postal Service or by mailers) to complete the table shown below along with the source(s) for your figures: (Note that column 3 consists of letters sorted to carrier route only or to a post office box, and that column 4 consists of barcoded letters that for some reason do not get DPSed)

Subclass	Total Barcoded Letters	Total DPSed Letters	Total Letters That Do Not Require DPSing	Total Letters Not Able To Be DPSed
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
First Class				
Standard				
Total				

Note: the volumes in Columns 2-4 should add up to the volumes in Column 1.

- D. For the barcoded letter volumes shown in column 4 in the Table in your answer to part C, please provide the reasons why these pieces could not be DPSed.
- E. Does the Postal Service know whether it has more success in delivery point sequencing letters that are prebarcoded by mailers than letters that are barcoded by the Postal Service? If yes, please explain which letters are more successful and why this is so.