

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 108-18

Docket No. R2005-1

RESPONSES OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS SHAW
TO INTERROGATORIES OF TIME WARNER, INC.
(TW/USPS-T2-1-4)
(May 10, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Shaw to the following interrogatories of Time Warner, Inc., filed on April 26, 2005:

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Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by its response.

Respectfully submitted,

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TW/USPS-T2-1. At page 3 you refer to the IOCS data collection handbook F-45, which was provided as USPS library reference LR-I-14 in docket No. R2000-1. You also refer to a series of memos updating various aspects of the IOCS data collection procedures, contained in library references LR-J-34 and LR-K-23. Has the Postal Service produced a newer version of handbook F-45, incorporating some or all of the various modifications described in LR-J-34 and LR-K-23? If yes, please provide a copy of the latest version. If no, when does the Postal Service plan to produce an updated version of handbook F-45?

RESPONSE:

No updated version of the F-45 was developed for the FY2004 data reported in my testimony.

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TW/USPS-T2-2. Please refer to the description of "IOCS Standard Record Format and Value Assignments" in Appendix A of LR-K-9, and the corresponding description of the FY2000 IOCS records in Appendix A of LR-J-10 from Docket No. R2001-1. Specifically, refer to the tables titled "FILE OVERVIEW" in both versions of Appendix A.

- a. Please confirm that, while the total length of an IOCS record was the same in FY2000 and in FY2004 (1167 bytes), there has [sic] nevertheless been several changes in record content. Specifically, please confirm that in the FY2004 version 23 more bytes than in FY2000 are devoted to Group1 through Group 7 questions. If not confirmed, please explain.
- b. Please describe each data element that was collected and is part of the FY2004 IOCS records but was not included in the FY2000 records. Describe as a minimum the year each new data element was first included, field name, position, possible values and the use that is made of the new data element in development of the CRA.

RESPONSE:

- a) Substantially confirmed. There have been changes in record content with 15 new data fields consisting of 28 bytes added to the record format since FY2000. However, there have also been 4 data fields consisting of 4 bytes deleted from the record format in this same time period, resulting in a net change of 24 bytes.
- b) The IOCS standard data record format displayed in USPS-LR-K-9/2005-1, Appendix A, contains the 15 new data fields. The new data fields have been extracted from the aforementioned appendix and are displayed below in Table 1. All data field names begin with the letter "F". For field names created in this time span (FY2001-FY2004), the two digits after the "F" indicate the year the data field was implemented. For example F0201 was created in FY2002 (the "02" after "F" representing FY2002).

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Table 1

SAS No.	Item No.	Title of Item	Sub-Item Description	Value of Entry	Lgth	From	To
Group 2							
F0201	15D4		Checking In/Out Carrier Acct.	1	1	246	246
F0202	15D4		Other Accountable Work	1	1	247	247
F0203	15D4		Other Non-Accountable	1	1	248	248
Group 3							
F0101		Carrier - Lunch Start Time	Stop Reading	As Recorded	4	285	288
F0102		- Lunch End Time		As Recorded	4	289	292
F0103		Regular Scheduled Lunch		Y or N (Yes/No)	1	293	293
Group 4							
F0204	18B	Accepting Mail (if D)	Weighing Sec./Bulk Mail Ver.	A	1	310	310
			Receiving Mail from Cust.	B		310	310
			Accept Plant-Ld. Mail - DMU	C		310	310
			Other Acceptance Work	D		310	310
F0205	18B	Dock Transfer (if C)		Y or N (Yes/No)	1	311	311
Group 5							
F0401			Parcel Select Return Service	1	1	559	559
F0402			BPM Return Service	1	1	560	560
F0206	23C		No Marking	1	1	517	517
Group 6							
F0104		Carrier Scheduled Lunch (if	Carrier Start Lunch	As Recorded	4	645	648
F0105		not at lunch at sample time)	Carrier Stop Lunch	As Recorded	4	649	652
F0106		Reserved		Spaces	1	653	653
F0107		CODES Version Number		As Recorded	2	669	670
Total					28		

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TW/USPS-T2-3 Please refer to Appendix H in LR-K-9 and the corresponding Appendix H in LR-J-10 from Docket No R2001-1. The appendices describe the development of the IOCS data file of variables that are used in development of the CRA.

- a. Please confirm that in the FY2000 version of the IOCS data, the record length was 506 bytes. If not confirmed, please give the correct number.
- b. Please confirm that in the FY2004 version of the IOCS data, the record length is 528 bytes. If not confirmed, please give the correct number.
- c. Please describe each data element that is included in the FY2004 IOCS data file but was not included in the FY2000 file. Describe as a minimum the year each new data element was first included, field name, position, possible values and the use that is made of the new data element in development of the CRA.
- d. Have any data elements that were included in the FY2000 IOCS data file since been removed? If yes, please identify those elements.

RESPONSE:

a-b) Confirmed.

c) Table 2 below describes the new data fields on the 528 byte record format. All data field names begin with the letter "F". For field names created in this time span (FY2001-FY2004), the two digits after the "F" indicate the year the data field was implemented. For example F0201 was created in FY2002 (the "02" after "F" representing FY2002).

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Table 2

SAS No.	Item No.	Title of Item	Sub-Item Description	Value of Entry	Lgth	From	To
Group 2							
F0201	15D4		Checking In/Out Carrier Acct.	1	1	145	145
F0202	15D4		Other Accountable Work	1	1	146	146
F0203	15D4		Other Non-Accountable	1	1	147	147
Group 3							
F0101		Carrier - Lunch Start Time	Stop Reading	As Recorded	4	183	186
F0102		- Lunch End Time		As Recorded	4	187	190
F0103		Regular Scheduled Lunch		Y or N (Yes/No)	1	191	191
Group 4							
F0204	18B	Accepting Mail (if D)	Weighing Sec./Bulk Mail Ver.	A	1	208	208
			Receiving Mail from Cust.	B		208	208
			Accept Plant-Ld. Mail - DMU	C		208	208
			Other Acceptance Work	D		208	208
F0205	18B	Dock Transfer (if C)		Y or N (Yes/No)	1	209	209
Group 5							
F0206	23C		No Marking	1	1	349	349
Group 6							
F0104		Carrier Scheduled Lunch (if	Carrier Start Lunch	As Recorded	4	444	447
F0105		not at lunch at sample time)	Carrier Stop Lunch	As Recorded	4	448	451
F0106		Reserved		Spaces	1	452	452
F0107		CODES Version Number		As Recorded	2	465	466
Total							
					26		

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d) Table 3 below describes the data fields that were removed.

Table 3

SAS No.	Item No.	Title of Item	Sub-Item Description	Value of Entry	Lgth	From	To
Group 2							
F67	15D4		Special Delivery	1	1	144	144
F69	15D4		Other	1	1	146	146
F89	15E		Special Delivery	1	1	165	165
Group 4							
F117	18B	Other Platform Work (if G or H)	Loading/Unloading Vehicle	A	1	199	199
Total							
					4		

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TW/USPS-T2-4 Please provide a copy of the flat file version of the FY2003 IOCS data. Please provide also an FY2003 version of the file writer.txt that is included in LR-K-9. Please provide corresponding data for FY2002 and FY2001.

RESPONSE:

Please see library reference USPS-LR-K-124/R2005-1.