

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2005

Docket No. R2005-1

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INTERROGATORIES TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS
MARC D. McCRERY
(DFC/USPS-T29-12-22)**

June 10, 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: June 10, 2005

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DFC/USPS-T29-12. When a letter is identified at the origin P&DC by PARS for forwarding, does postal automation equipment initially spray a bar code on the mail piece corresponding to the old address? Please explain.

DFC/USPS-T29-13. Please provide a list of the sites covered by Phase 1 of the PARS program, and please provide the deployment schedule for Phase 2.

DFC/USPS-T29-14. In which cases, if any, would an AFSM spray a bar code directly on a flat, without applying a label?

DFC/USPS-T29-15. Does the bar code from an AFSM FICS ever include ZIP Code information, or is ZIP Code information for sorting the mail always retrieved by way of a database lookup?

DFC/USPS-T29-16. Before FICS was implemented, for how many minutes or seconds could a flat stay in the AFSM while video keying of the image was taking place before “timing out”?

DFC/USPS-T29-17. With FICS, where do flats reside, or where are flats held, while images of the addresses are being resolved (either by video encoding or OCR)?

DFC/USPS-T29-18. Please provide the percentage of flats that receive secondary sortation on a flat sorting machine.

DFC/USPS-T29-19. How many passes through the flat sorting machine are necessary to accomplish delivery point sequencing? Which flat sorting machine is used for the 11,690 zones for which flats are sorted in delivery sequence?

DFC/USPS-T29-20. Is any Priority Mail volume processed in BMC’s, either routinely or as overflow around Christmas?

DFC/USPS-T29-21. Please identify the sorting machines, if any, that read bar codes corresponding to ZIP Codes on First-Class SPR's or Priority Mail parcels.

DFC/USPS-T29-22. If a stamped letter has no FIM but has a delivery-point bar code printed on the envelope in the address block, and if the AFCS is operating in a lift-everything mode, will the RBCS read this bar code, or will the RBCS resolve the address and spray a bar code according to the resolution of the address?