

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 McCRERY  
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
[DFC/USPS-T29-12-22]  
(June 24, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to above-listed interrogatories of the Douglas F. Carlson, filed on June 10, 2005. Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response of Postal Service Witness Marc McCrery  
To Interrogatories Posed by Douglas F. Carlson

**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.

**RESPONSE:**

When a letter is identified at the origin processing facility through PARS as a candidate for forwarding, postal automation equipment will spray a bar code on the mail piece corresponding to the old address. Subsequently, a PARS label carrying the new address and a barcode for the new delivery address will be applied.

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**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.

**RESPONSE:**

Attached is a list of sites covered by Phase 1 of the PARS program. A deployment schedule for Phase 2 is not yet complete.

Postal Automated Redirection System (PARS)  
Phase I Sites

**PARS PHASE I SITE LIST**

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Site Type</u>
Mid Florida	FL	SE	P&DC
Mid Florida	FL	SE	P&DC
Orlando	FL	SE	P&DC
Mall Station DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Hiawasse DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Lee Vista DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Alafaya DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
South Creek DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Kissimmee DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Citrus Ridge DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Apollo DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Palm Bay West DDU (Orlando P&DC)	FL	SE	DDU
Santa Clarita	CA	PA	P&DC
Santa Clarita	CA	PA	P&DC
Dulles	VA	CM	P&DC
Dulles	VA	CM	P&DC
Middlesex-Essex	MA	NE	P&DC
Lowell Annex DDU (Middlesex-Essex P&DC)	MA	NE	DDU
Beverly IMF (Middlesex-Essex P&DC)	MA	NE	DDU
North Bay	CA	PA	P&DC
North Bay DDC (North Bay P&DC)	CA	PA	DDU
Ukiah Annex DDU (North Bay P&DC)	CA	PA	DDU
North Metro	GA	SE	P&DC
Marietta DDU (North Metro P&DC)	GA	SE	DDU
Decatur DDU (North Metro P&DC)	GA	SE	DDU
Acworth DDU (North Metro P&DC)	GA	SE	DDU
Cartersville DDU (North Metro P&DC)	GA	SE	DDU
Douglasville DDU (North Metro P&DC)	GA	SE	DDU
Northern Virginia	VA	CM	P&DC
Nw Boston (Waltham)	MA	NE	P&DC
Charleston WV	WV	EA	P&DC
Flint	MI	GL	P&DC
Colorado Springs	CO	WE	P&DC
Fort Worth	TX	SW	P&DC
Bardin Road DDU (Fort Worth P&DC)	TX	SW	DDU
Oakwood DDU (Fort Worth P&DC)	TX	SW	DDU
Abilene TX (Rioss) / Fort Worth (Host)	TX	SW	RIOSS
Pasadena	CA	PA	P&DC
Mojave CA (Rioss) / Pasadena (Host)	CA	PA	RIOSS
Baltimore	MD	CM	P&DC
Cincinnati	OH	EA	P&DC
Cincinnati	OH	EA	P&DC
Fairfield DDC (Cincinnati P&DC)	OH	EA	DDU
Syracuse	NY	NE	P&DC
Watertown NY (Rioss) / Syracuse (Host)	NY	NE	RIOSS
Monmouth (Eatonton)	NJ	NY	P&DC
Keyport DDC (Monmouth (Eatonton) P&DC)	NJ	NY	DDU
Lakewood DDC (Monmouth (Eatonton) P&DC)	NJ	NY	DDU

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Phase I Sites

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Site Type</u>
Toms River DDC (Monmouth (Eatonton) P&DC)	NJ	NY	DDU
Minneapolis	MN	WE	P&DC
Oxnard	CA	PA	P&DC
Santa Barbara	CA	PA	P&DC
Queens	NY	NY	P&DC
Linthicum DDU (Baltimore P&DC)	MD	CM	DDU
Gary	IN	GL	P&DC
Seattle	WA	WE	P&DC
Seattle East DDC (Seattle P&DC)	WA	WE	DDU
Industry (Alhambra)	CA	PA	P&DC
Charleston SC	SC	EA	P&DC
Youngstown	OH	EA	P&DC
Madison	WI	GL	P&DC
Dallas	TX	SW	P&DC
Dallas	TX	SW	P&DC
Bowling Green	KY	EA	P&DC
Brooklyn	NY	NY	P&DC
Staten Island NY (Rioss) / Brooklyn (Host)	NY	NY	RIOSS
Stapleton DDU (Staten Island NY (Rioss) P&DC)	NY	NY	DDU
Suburban MD P&DC	MD	CM	P&DC
North Texas (Coppell)	TX	SW	P&DC
Greenville Tx DDU (North Texas (Coppell) P&DC)	TX	SW	DDU
Everett	WA	WE	P&DC
Oakland	CA	PA	P&DC
Oakland	CA	PA	P&DC
Portland OR	OR	WE	P&DC
Mt Hood DDC (Portland OR P&DC)	OR	WE	DDU
Sunset DDC (Portland OR P&DC)	OR	WE	DDU
Lexington	KY	EA	P&DC
Columbus	OH	EA	P&DC
Athens DDU (Columbus P&DC)	OH	EA	DDU
Milwaukee	WI	GL	P&DC
Kenosha DDU / Milwaukee (Host)	WI	GL	DDU
Salt Lake City	UT	WE	P&DC
Provo (Rioss) / Salt Lake City (Host)	UT	WE	RIOSS
Anchorage	AK	WE	P&DC
East Texas (Tyler)	TX	SW	P&DC
New York City (Morgan Station)	NY	NY	P&DC
New York City (Morgan Station)	NY	NY	P&DC
FDR DDU (New York City (Morgan Station) P&DC)	NY	NY	DDU
Bronx	NY	NY	P&DC

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

**RESPONSE:**

There are no such cases. A FICS ID barcode is sprayed on a label which is applied to the flat. AFSM 100s do not apply sorting or ID barcodes directly on flat mail pieces.

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**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?

**RESPONSE:**

The FICS barcode does not contain ZIP Code information. The ZIP Code information is retrieved through a national database lookup.

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**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”?

**RESPONSE:**

Flats remain in the AFSM 100 for approximately 90 -100 seconds.

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**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)?

**RESPONSE:**

The flats reside in the buckets on the track of the AFSM 100 while the images are being resolved.

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

**RESPONSE:**

Approximately 53 percent of flats receive secondary sortation on a flat sorting machine.

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**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?

**RESPONSE:**

Flats are currently not sequenced on machines in postal operations. See notice of errata to USPS-T-29 filed on April 28, 2005.

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

**RESPONSE:**

Incoming Priority Mail volume is processed routinely in a limited number of BMCs.

Priority Mail is also processed in some BMCs as overflow around Christmas.

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**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.

**RESPONSE:**

BMC Primary Parcel Sorting Machines and Singulate, Scan, and Induction Units (if and when used for FCM and Priority Mail), Automated Package Processing Systems, and a limited number of Small Parcel and Bundle Sorters.

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**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?

**RESPONSE:**

The AFCS currently does not detect / read / apply POSTNET barcodes. For a non FIM piece, the AFCS-OCR will lift the image, and if the address can be resolved, it will sort the mail piece to either outgoing or local output bins depending on the sorts dictated in the sort program. The POSTNET barcode will be applied on an OSS enabled BCS machine.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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