

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 POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS McCRERY
TO INTERROGATORIES OF ABA&NAPM
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS ABDIRAHMAN
[ABA&NAPM/USPS-T21-63(c) – (I) -64]
(June 24, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby responds to the above-listed interrogatories of American Bankers Association and National Association of Presort Mailers, filed on June 10, 2005.

The interrogatories are stated verbatim and are followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please confirm that:

- c. Both Mixed AADC and AADC mail is presented to the Postal Service in letter trays that are labeled, sleeved and banded.
- d. A tray of AADC mail deposited at a USPS facility with a Business Mail Entry Unit, normally a P&DC, is cross-docked and transported to the designated area distribution center ("ADC").
- e. A tray of 3-Digit First-Class letter mail deposited at a USPS facility with a Business Mail Entry Unit, normally a P&DC, is cross-docked and transported to the facility designated by first 3 digits of the POSTNET barcode.
- f. Upon entry at the originating P&DC or General Mail facility, trays of Mixed AADC letters must be taken into the facility, have the band securing the sleeve over the tray and the sleeve removed, be removed from the tray, sorted, put back in a tray that must be labeled, sleeved, banded, and moved back to the loading dock.
- g. A tray of 3-Digit letters, upon arriving at the same facility would only have to be cross-docked onto transportation to the designated 3-Digit facility.
- h. A tray of AADC letters, like a tray of 3-Digit letters, normally will not be sorted at the outgoing facility.
- i. A tray of AADC letter will, upon arrival at a the designated ADC have to be taken into the ADC facility, have the band securing the sleeve and the sleeve removed, be sorted and put in a 3-Digit or 5-Digit letter tray, which will then have to be labeled, sleeved, banded and move back to the loading dock except for any mail that is addressed for delivery in a location for which further sorting is performed in the same ADC facility in which case the tray would have to be moved to the location in the facility where letter mail for such 3-Digit areas is sorted.
- j. A 3-Digit letter tray of mail would not be subjected to a sorting at the ADC unless the ADC also happened to be the location at which mail for the 3-Digit location was sorted in which case it could be moved directly to the staging area for sorting of such mail.

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k. In some cases, AADC letters, after being sorted at an ADC must be sent on to another facility to which a 3-Digit letter tray would have been sent directly from the originating postal facility.

l. Mail in 3-Digit trays frequently avoids being sent to a intermediate ADC from which it will have to be taken to an other point to which a 3-Digit tray of letters could and would have been sent directly by the originating outgoing facility..

RESPONSE:

- (c) Generally confirmed. See DMM 235.3.5 for an exception.
- (d) Not confirmed. Assuming the tray is for another processing facility, the trays in the mailing must first be sorted into rolling stock to the various facilities/destinations, then assigned to transportation (e.g. SWYB), if necessary. Finally, the trays are placed on outbound transportation. See response to PB/USPS-T29-8e for a generalized flow of AADC automation letters.
- (e) See response to part (d) above and the response to PB/USPS-T29-8f for a generalized flow of 3-digit automation letters.
- (f) Confirmed for pieces in the Mixed AADC trays that are for other AADCs.
- (g) See responses to parts (d) & (e) above.
- (h) Assuming it is an AADC other than the outgoing facility, this is confirmed.
- (i) Generally confirmed assuming the processing of the AADC letter tray takes place at the designated ADC and not a downstream AADC from the ADC. Not all AADCs serve as an ADC, therefore certain AADC trays would

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only flow through an ADC to the appropriate AADC. Also, not all letter trays processed at the AADC for further distribution at a downstream processing facility would be sleeved and banded.

- (j) Confirmed.
- (k) Confirmed.
- (l) See response to PB/USPS-T29-8f for a generalized flow of 3-digit automation letters.

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If the description of the process for processing Mixed AADC letter mail and/or AADC mail outlined in Interrogatory ABA&NAPM/USPS-T21-63 above is incorrect, please provide a correct description of the process the USPS employs in handling Mixed AADC, AADC and/or 3-Digit trays of letter mail.

RESPONSE:

See response to PB/USPS-T29-8 for a generalized flow for these three types of letter trays. All of the flows in the response to PB/USPS-T29-8 assume that the incoming primary (3-digit) and secondary distribution takes place at the same facility as the AADC (MMP) letter tray distribution.

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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