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 THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
[OCA/USPS-T29-1-2]
(July 1, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to above-listed

interrogatories of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, filed on June 17, 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 the Office of the Consumer Advocate

OCA/USPS-T29-1. Please refer to your response to PB/USPS-T29-8(a). You state, "The new sorts on the AFCS-OCR are: FIM barcoded, outgoing, and local."
a. What happens to pieces that cannot be resolved by the AFCS-OCR?
b. What happens to pieces (and their images) that must be resolved through RCR or RBCS?
c. Does the AFCS-OCR perform functions once performed by the MLOCR-ISS? If not, please explain.

RESPONSE:

a. Unresolved pieces are sorted as dictated in the sort program (most commonly with the outgoing pieces).

b. All except FIM barcoded pieces are routed to the OSS enabled BCS machines for barcoding. Images of unresolved pieces are sent to the IPSS.

c. Generally, yes. However, the AFCS-OCR currently does not apply barcodes and has very limited sort capability.

OCA/USPS-T29-2. Please list all types of equipment that have ISS capability.
a. Do all of these pieces of equipment feed images to the IPSS? If not, please describe the flow of images from each type of equipment.
b. Do all of these pieces of equipment feed images to the RCR? If not, please describe the flow of images from each type of equipment.
c. Can an image fed to IPSS bypass RCR? If so, please describe the circumstances.
d. Have all images received at a REC passed through RCR? If not, please describe the circumstances.

RESPONSE:

MLOCR, AFCS, DIOSS, and CIOSS have ISS capability.

a. All are capable of operating in the ISS mode, lifting, and feeding images to the IPSS.

b. All are capable of feeding images to the RCR and normally do so.

c. Yes, images that are fed to IPSS can bypass RCR. RCR could be turned off or in a "no-wait" mode meaning if image volume exceeds the available RCR capacity, images would bypass RCR and go directly to the REC. ZIP filters are sometimes used with RCR. ZIP filters exclude entered ZIP Codes from RCR processing, sending the image directly to IPSS.

d. Generally, yes but not necessarily. See response to part c for exceptions.

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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