

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

EVOLUTIONARY NETWORK DEVELOPMENT
SERVICE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. N2006-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS WILLIAMS
TO OCA INTERROGATORY OCA/USPS-T2-2
(April 7, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby submits the response of witness Williams to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, filed on March 6, 2006: OCA/USPS-T2-2

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO INTERROGATORY OF OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE**

OCA/USPS-T2-2. For the case of an AMP proposal for upgrading, consolidating, or rationalizing equipment and processes at a facility, please explain how the possible impacts of the changes at a specific facility are quantitatively considered and measured in terms of their impacts on other facilities in terms of mail flow, mail schedules, and/or other network externalities.

RESPONSE:

In the context of the END initiative, the AMP review process is designed to determine the validity of a proposed consolidation within the context of the network design to which the Postal Service plans to evolve. The AMP review process is designed to shift operations to facilities that – quantitatively – either do or will have the floor space, personnel, equipment, transportation, and sortation plans with which to absorb them. The potential ability of a gaining facility to absorb operations from the consolidated facility is qualitatively assessed during the local, Area Office and Headquarters AMP review stages. Assuming a consolidation is determined to be feasible and is approved at Headquarters, the implementation process is when operational adjustments – changes in mail flows and schedules -- are made at the consolidated and gaining facilities.