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Docket No. R97-1

**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS SCHENK
TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 3,
QUESTION NO. 27
AND MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE**

The United States Postal Service hereby files the responses of Leslie Schenk to Question No. 27 of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 3, dated September 8, 1997. The question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

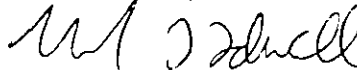
This response was due to have been filed on September 22, 1997. Witness Schenk's workload and travel schedule on matters unrelated to this proceeding and her need to confer with postal personnel at Headquarters whose own schedules prevented timely consultations with her, have prevented a timely filing of this response. The Postal Service regrets this delay, but believes that it was unavoidable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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Response OF USPS Witness Schenk
To Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 3

27. In Library Reference H-179, Table 12, reasons for not using BRMAS software are given. According to this table, 49.9 percent of sites report that there is "not enough volume to justify use," 7.8 percent of sites report that there are "problems with BRMAS software not solvable on the local level," and 6.3 percent give "other" as the reason for not using BRMAS software.
- a. Please describe all problems with BRMAS software that have been identified. Please discuss the reasons these problems are "not solvable on the local level."
 - b. Though only 6.3 percent of sites gave "other" as a response, this 6.3 percent constitutes 33.7 percent of BRM volume. Please describe what "other" reasons there may be for not using BRMAS software.

RESPONSE:

- a. I am not aware of what problems there are with BRMAS software, or why these problems are "not solvable on the local level." The sites did not say in the survey what these problems were, or why they were not solvable on the local level. Please see the USPS response to NDMS/USPS-T27-4.
- b. Other reasons that sites gave as to why they were not using BRMAS to sort BRMAS-rated mail were: have never used BRMAS, but don't know why; barcoded BRM arrives mixed with manual (letters); don't know how to use it; BRMAS reports not provided by servicing P&DC; and some responded "other" but gave not reason.

DECLARATION

I, Leslie M. Schenk, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing Docket No. R97-1 interrogatory responses are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

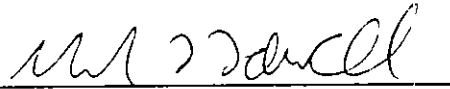


Leslie M. Schenk

10-5-97
Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Tidwell", written over a horizontal line.

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