

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES

Docket No. R2006-1

**RESPONSES OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS BOZZO
(USPS-T-46) TO INTERROGATORIES OF UNITED PARCEL SERVICE:
UPS/USPS-T46-1 and 2
(July 25, 2006)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness Bozzo (USPS-T-46) to the above-referenced interrogatories, filed on July 11, 2006.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response of United States Postal Service Witness A. Thomas Bozzo,
USPS-T-46, To Interrogatories of United Parcel Service

UPS/USPS-T46-1. Refer to USPS-T46, page 28, Table 4. Provide a complete description of the criteria you used in preparing this table to classify tallies as "Direct Tallies," "Mixed Tallies," "Mixed Container Tallies," and "Not-Handling Tallies," including references to specific IOCS questions.

Response.

The criteria are derived from tally categories defined in witness Van-Ty-Smith's SAS code implementing the mail processing distribution keys. "Direct" tallies are those tallies in the DIRECT tally sets, as assigned in programs MOD1DIR, BMC1, and NONMOD1, in USPS-LR-L-55. "Not-handling" tallies are the tallies assigned in those programs to, respectively, the OUT1.NOTHAND, OUT4.NOTHAND, and OUT2.NOTHAND tally sets. The remaining tallies are "mixed" tallies (i.e., the MIXED sets). Mixed container tallies are those assigned to the COUNTED and PARTIAL sets in the MAPITEMC module, also in USPS-LR-L-55. Full details on the specific IOCS questions are provided in the referenced SAS code.

Response of United States Postal Service Witness A. Thomas Bozzo,
USPS-T-46, To Interrogatories of United Parcel Service

UPS/USPS-T46-2. Refer to USPS-T46, page 29, where you state that “[t]he automatic prompting for mailpiece selection in several branches of the redesigned IOCS-CODES software appears to account for much of the direct tally increase in mail processing.” Describe completely any differences in the nature or extent of the automatic prompting referred to in this passage depending upon whether the sampled employee is working with the letter, flat or parcel/bundle mailstream.

Response.

The mailpiece selection rule in question applies when the employee is not handling a mailpiece at the time of the reading. The automatic prompting occurs for tallies where letter or flat sorting equipment is indicated as being used (Q18C1 responses A-B, Q18C1.BMC response A) and mail is present in the operation. Automatic prompting is not implemented for other types of equipment.

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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