

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

STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION AND
CONSOLIDATION INITIATIVE, 2009

Docket No. N2009-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE INTERROGATORY
PR/USPS-T1-10(a)
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS VANGORDER
(July 30, 2009)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to interrogatory PR/USPS-T1-10(a) directed to witness VanGorder by Public Representative Sidman on July 20, 2009. The interrogatory has been redirected to the Postal Service for an institutional response. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response. Objections to interrogatories PR/USPS-T1-10(b-c) are being filed today.

Respectfully submitted,

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PR/USPS-T1-10

On page 7 of your testimony, you mention postal collection boxes.

(a) Could the Initiative have an effect on Postal Service's collection boxes? If so, please describe any potential effects on postal collection boxes (including the removal of collection boxes, relocation of collection boxes, and changes in collection times).

(b) Please describe how the Postal Service considers or will consider making changes to collection boxes. Please provide all documents discussing any changes to postal collection boxes (including the removal of collection boxes, relocation of collection boxes, and changes in collection times).

(c) Does the Postal Service have any procedures for making changes to collection boxes? If so, please describe such procedures and provide all documents discussing such procedures.

RESPONSE

a. For purposes of this Initiative, upon deactivation of a facility, a box at that facility can be removed or relocated to where it can generate the most volume and is convenient to the most customers.

Otherwise, as a result of a station or branch consolidation, employees responsible for picking up the contents of particular collection boxes could be reassigned to work from different Post Offices, stations, branches or carrier annexes than they do today. In such cases, they may end up departing from and/or returning to different facilities in making daily collection runs. This Initiative is not intended to affect or alter local collection box pick-up times or serve as a basis for changing them.

b-c. Objections filed.