

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

STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION AND
CONSOLIDATION INITIATIVE, 2009

Docket No. N2009-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS VANGORDER
TO PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE INTERROGATORY PR/USPS-T1-15
(September 16, 2009)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Alice VanGorder to Public Representative interrogatory PR/USPS-T1-15 filed on September 11, 2009. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please refer to your response to PR/USPS-T1-13.

- a. The response to (b) refers to “Pre-decisional estimates of facility-specific ‘efficiency gains’.” Please explain when and how the Postal Service expects to report final estimates of facility-specific “efficiency gains” for each station and branch approved by Headquarters for closure or consolidation, and in total for all stations and branches approved by Headquarters for closure or consolidation, under the Initiative. Please identify by title the official (or officials) that will receive the final estimates.
- b. Please confirm that the Vice President, Delivery and Post Office Operations, has final decision authority with respect to the closure or consolidation of each station and branch under the Initiative. If you do not confirm, please identify by title the official (or officials) with final decision authority.

RESPONSE

- a. As indicated in the response to PR/USPS-T1-13(d), facility-specific estimates are prepared at the District level as part of the discontinuance study process. The discontinuance decision package with the final estimates is then presented through the Area to the Vice President, Delivery and Post Office Operations for final determination. As final decisions are made, my office will record each facility-specific estimate and compile a cumulative total. We will report the information to the Vice-President, Delivery and Post Office Operations.
- b. Confirmed.