

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

MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK RATIONALIZATION
SERVICE CHANGES, 2011

Docket No. N2012-1

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE RESPONSE TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
PRESORT MAILERS INTERROGATORY (NAPM/USPS-T4—8(b)&(d))**
(March 14, 2012)

The United States Postal Service provides the institutional response of the Postal Service to the above-listed interrogatories of the National Association of Presort Mailers dated February 17, 2012. The interrogatory is redirected to the Postal Service by witness Neri (USPS-T-4) for an institutional response. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS NERI**

NAPM/USPS-T4-8. Please refer to page 28 of your testimony where you state, “[a]nother source for productivity improvements is the reduction in the number of sort destinations. Reducing to less than 200 sorting facilities allows for the elimination of AADC and ADC sortation. At origin, mail would be sorted directly to the destinating facility, reducing the number of handling units generated, increasing the density of mail in each handling unit and reducing the number of handlings each unit must receive. At the destination, fewer individual handlings would be necessary to complete processing and distribution.”

b. Please confirm whether the Postal Service is planning to eliminate any other sort categories (e.g., carrier routed mail). If confirmed, please provide a detailed explanation of the proposed changes. If not confirmed, please explain fully.

d. Please confirm whether the Postal Service is planning to establish new qualifying sort minimums. If confirmed, please provide a detailed explanation of the proposed changes. If not confirmed, please explain fully.

RESPONSE:

b. Not confirmed. The Postal Service is in the process of evaluating the most appropriate presort pricing structure for the future and has not determined whether any other sort categories would be eliminated.

d. Not confirmed. As explained in the response to subpart b above, the Postal Service is in the process of evaluating the most appropriate presort pricing structure for the future, including the most appropriate qualifying sort minimums. This evaluation is not complete, and no determination on this issue has been made at this time.