

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF PARCEL SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION
REDIRECTED FROM POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MARC D. MCCRERY
[PSA/USPS-T42-2]
(May 31, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the above-listed interrogatory of Parcel Shippers Association, filed on May 17, 2006. The interrogatory was redirected from Postal Service witness Marc D. McCrery. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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PSA/USPS-T42-2. Please refer to page 34 of your testimony where you discuss future network considerations including “shifting much of the allied activities (e.g., bundle sorting, parcel distribution, container breakdown) to Regional Distribution Centers (RDCs) when efficiencies can be realized.” Please also refer to Labeling List L601 and L606.

(a) Please confirm that the service area for the Dallas BMC includes Destination ZIP Codes 706, 710-712, 718, 730, 731, 733-738, 740, 741, 743-799, 880, and 885. If not confirmed, please provide a corrected list of 3-Digit ZIP Codes in the Dallas BMC service area.

(b) Once transition to an RDC network is complete, please list the RDC that will service each of the Destination 3-Digit ZIP Codes listed in subpart (a) of this interrogatory.

(c) Do you believe that the transition to an RDC network in particular or the Postal Service’s Evolutionary Network Development (END) initiative in general will have any effect on the 5-Digit ZIP Codes included in the L606 5-Digit Scheme labeling list? Please explain your response fully.

(d) In the future END network, will parcel shippers be allowed to enter 5-Digit Scheme pallets at Destination Delivery Units? Please explain your response fully.

RESPONSE:

(a) Confirmed.

(b) No final determination has yet been made regarding the location of specific RDCs, including any that might serve the ZIP Code areas in question.

(c) No. The END effort will not have a direct effect on delivery operations, and delivery units that serve multiple 5-digit ZIP Codes are the listings that comprise L606.

(d) Yes. There are no plans to remove delivery unit entry eligibility for parcels, including pieces prepared on 5-digit scheme (L606) pallets, in the future.