

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS McCRERY  
TO INTERROGATORY OF THE GREETING CARD ASSOCIATION  
[GCA/USPS-T42-7]  
(July 10, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of Postal Service witness Marc D. McCrery to the above-listed interrogatory of the Greeting Card Association, filed on June 26, 2006. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please refer to page 14, lines 2-4, of your prefiled testimony.

(a) Please describe how collection mail flats for which cancellation is necessary are cancelled (i.e., manually or by machine).

(b) If more than one method of cancellation is employed on the flats specified in part (a), please provide your best estimate of the proportion of those pieces cancelled by each such method.

**Response:**

a. Flats are cancelled both by machine and manually. Flats that are obtained from the Flats Extractor are automatically fed to the flats canceller. The model 15 flats canceller is a mechanical piece of equipment designed to cancel and stack flat mail. Operators remove flat mail from the output bins and place cancelled flat mail into a flat mail cart (FMC), gurney or flat mail trays for transport to processing on the AFSM 100 or the UFSM 1000. Other flats are cancelled manually. Manual canceling is accomplished using a hand-stamp. Flats are laid out on a canceling belt, the stamps are canceled, and then the flats are picked up, faced and placed in an FMC or flat mail tray. Manual primary flat cases are equipped with a dauber that can also be used for canceling stamps before casing mail, if necessary.

b. See response to VP/USPS-T42-7.