

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 QUESTION POSED BY AMAZON.COM
DURING HEARINGS ON AUGUST 17, 2006

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is filing the response of witness Marc D. McCrery to a question posed during hearings on August 17, 2006, at the following transcript citation: Tr. 11/3148-3149. The question is paraphrased and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MCCRERY
TO QUESTION POSED BY AMAZON.COM DURING HEARINGS**

Tr. 11/3148 – 3149 QUESTION:

Can you clarify why the throughput and productivity numbers for a parcel sorting machine with an SSIU appear to be quite similar to the throughput and productivity numbers for a parcel sorting machine without an SSIU?

RESPONSE:

The throughput and productivity numbers provided in the response to AMZ/USPS-T42-1(a) represent the combined primary and secondary throughput and productivity of PSMs in FY 2005 on a national level while the numbers provided in the response to AMZ/USPS-T42-5 represent the corresponding data for secondary PSMs with SSIUs. It is important to note that even though the SSIUs automate the process of induction of parcels on the secondary PSMs eliminating manual induction, the productivity of this operation is a reflection of the additional personnel required to sweep the large number of output bins on the secondary PSMs.