

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

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2006

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Docket No. R2006-1

**RESPONSES TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
INTERROGATORY DIRECTED TO GREETING CARD
ASSOCIATION WITNESS RAYMOND MORRISSEY
(USPS/GCA T3-5)**

(October 5, 2006)

The Greeting Card Association ("GCA") hereby provides the response of witness Morrissey to the following interrogatory of the United States Postal Service filed on September 28, 2006: USPS/GCA T3-5. The interrogatory is provided verbatim followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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USPS/GCA-T3-5

Please confirm that data collected in your study cannot reveal the percentage of test pieces that:

- (a) Were rejected on the first pass on an AFCS.
- (b) Required manual facing and/or one or more additional passes on an AFCS (or other piece of cancelling equipment) in order to ensure the piece is successfully faced and cancelled.
- (c) Were ID tagged on an AFCS or DBCS but rejected within subsequent automated mail processing steps possibly due to the low aspect ratio and the propensity of these pieces to tip over.
- (d) Were barcoded on a DBCS but rejected within subsequent automated mail processing steps possibly due to the low aspect ratio and the propensity of these pieces to tip over.
- (e) Were successfully processed throughout the entire automated mailstream without the manual handling of rejects.

For any assertion that you are unable to confirm, please explain fully.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Confirmed. The GCA Square Card Test data does not reveal how many (if any) square or rectangular test letter pieces were rejected on the first pass on an AFCS.
- (b) Confirmed in part. The GCA Square Card Test data does not reveal how many (if any) square or rectangular test letter pieces required manual facing and/or one or more additional passes on an AFCS (or other piece of cancelling equipment). This is true both with respect to square or rectangular test letter pieces that were successfully faced and cancelled and those that were not. None of the square or rectangular test letter pieces mailed from Denver were cancelled.
- (c) Confirmed in part. The GCA Square Card Test data does not reveal how many (if any) square or rectangular test letter pieces were ID tagged on an AFCS or DBCS but rejected within subsequent automated mail processing steps. I cannot confirm that such rejections, if any occurred, were due (in whole or in part) to the low aspect ratio and/or any propensity of the piece to tip over, or instead to human error or mechanical failure. The Square Card Test was not designed to study this issue.

- (d) Confirmed in part. The GCA Square Card Test data does not reveal how many (if any) square or rectangular test letter pieces were barcoded on a DBCS but rejected within subsequent automated mail processing steps. I cannot confirm that such rejections, if any occurred, were due (in whole or in part) to the low aspect ratio and/or any propensity of the piece to tip over, or instead to human error or mechanical failure. The Square Card Test was not designed to study this issue.
- (e) Confirmed. The GCA Square Card Test data does not reveal how many (if any) square or rectangular test letter pieces were successfully processed throughout the entire automated mailstream without the manual handling of rejects.