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Subject: Envelope Sorters with ASR and Proposed Rule 7.8.11

To whom it may concern:

Just wanted to make sure I shared my concern related to proposed rule 7.8.11 and how it may impact use of envelope sorters that use Automated Signature Review. See my comments below:

Amended Rule 7.8.11 (formerly Rule 7.8.7) to clarify testing versus auditing of signature verification devices.

7.8.11(c) The requirement to operate the automated signature verification device on a “closed” network, upon initial review we are finding this requirement to be unfeasible and request additional time to review impacts and solutions. All other systems that interact with this device utilize the internet and require a reengineering of our network system.

Recommendation: Change rule from “closed network” to “secured network”. The second tier signature verification and review requires the use of SCORE. If we are required to use a “closed” network, we would need to have a separate PC for every team performing Tier II signature verification in order to perform the research in SCORE that is required. This would also require our IT Department to reconfigure and potentially rewire our networks in the Ballot Processing area in order to accommodate. The cost of these changes would prohibit Douglas County from being able to leverage the ASR functionality.

Alternate recommendation: Postpone implementation until further analysis and reengineering can be accomplished.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks
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