

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES

Docket No. R2006-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 19
(October 16, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its first response to Presiding Officer's Information Request (POIR) No. 16, issued October 2, 2006. This response provides data for medium and large publications. No data for "small" publications from the Docket No. C2004-1 database are included, because final data checking has not been completed. Data for some C2004-1 "small" publications will be provided in the next day or two, with more to follow by October 27, 2006. Because of the form of the question and the nature of the response, an institutional response is being provided.

The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

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1. The Commission requests that the Postal Service provide, under the protective conditions established in Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2006-1/51, a version of MPA-ANM-LR-3 composed of data from as many of the same 251 publications as are currently mailing. This new data should reflect mailings sent after the 24-piece sack minimum became effective.¹ [Note 1: If more recent data for any of the 251 publications is not available, the Postal Service may substitute data for a similar publication.]

The Commission further requests that the Postal Service provide a table comparing the percentage changes from current postage to its Outside County rate proposals based on these new, more recent mailings.

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service is filing the requested data for 158 PostalOne eVS publications in library reference L-189, filed under protective conditions. Those publications for which data were also provided in Docket No. C2004-1 are identified with their Docket No. C2004-1 IDs in the column labeled "C2004-1 ID." When updated data for Docket No. C2004-1 publications were not available, data for a replacement publication are provided, as indicated by the code "RPL" in the "C2004-1 ID" column. The publications are sorted by strata, whether they are for an original Docket No. C2004-1 publication, or a replacement, and then the issue size. Some of the publications are comailed (as will be indicated in a revised version of LR-L-189 to be filed shortly); for such publications, the data show the characteristics of the entire co-mailing, rather than the particular publication.

Six publications in today's database have a per-issue circulation of under 15,000 pieces, but these are publications from the medium stratum in Docket No. C2004-1 whose mailed circulations have decreased since Docket No. C2004-1.