

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R2006-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 6

(Issued June 22, 2006)

The United States Postal Service is requested to provide the information described below to assist in developing a record for the consideration of the Postal Service's request for a recommended decision on proposed rates, fees and classifications. To facilitate inclusion of the required material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service is to have a witness attest to the accuracy of the answers and be prepared to explain to the extent necessary the basis for the answers. The answers are to be provided by July 7, 2006.

1. Please provide current and proposed per-piece postage (including piece charge, pound charge, and container charge) for the following publications. Please specify all assumptions made concerning containers used, presort levels, dropshipping, and any other assumptions used.
  - a. A weekly news magazine with circulation of over 300,000 pieces per issue and 50 percent editorial content.
  - b. A monthly Nonprofit publication with circulation between 15,000 and 100,000 pieces per issue.
  - c. A Classroom publication.
  - d. A Science of Agriculture publication.
  - e. A monthly Regular publication with 70 percent editorial content.

- f. Any Outside County publication with circulation of less than 5,000 pieces per issue.
  - g. A Within County publication.
2. Please refer to USPS-T-35 at 15, Table 6, captioned, "Within County Current vs. Proposed Rates" and the Request, Attachment A at page 36, Periodicals Rate Schedule 423 Within County, where the following rates for a Basic Automation flat and a 3-digit Nonautomation piece appear:

<b>Pieces</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Basic Automation flat	0.075	0.108
3-digit Nonautomation piece	0.095	0.108

Witness Tang does not specifically address these rates in her testimony, but states: "Within County discounts are generally based on cost avoidance derived for the Outside County subclass with appropriate passthroughs." USPS-T-35 at 14. Please confirm that the Postal Service proposes charging identical piece rates for a Basic Automation flat and a 3-digit Nonautomation piece and provide the rationale for doing so. If this cannot be confirmed, please explain.

3. Please refer to shp08usps.xls in USPS-LR-L-53.
- a. Please confirm that the formula for the cells in row 37 on tab 'Flats(2)' is  $'=(\text{Flats!}\Delta 37 + \text{Letters! } \Delta 37) * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$8 * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$14 * \text{Class! } \$E37$ ,' where  $\Delta$  equals the appropriate column designation (as opposed to  $'=\text{Flats!}\Delta 37 * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$8 * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$14 * \text{Class! } \$E37$ ').
  - b. Please refer to shp08usps.xls in USPS-LR-L-53. Please confirm that the formula for the cells in row 39 on tab 'Flats(2)' is  $'=(\text{Flats!}\Delta 39 + \text{Letters! } \Delta 39) * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$8 * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$14 * \text{Class! } \$E39$ ,' where  $\Delta$  equals the appropriate column designation (as opposed to  $'=(\text{Flats!}\Delta 39) * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$8 * \text{Pool! } \Delta \$14 * \text{Class! } \$E39$ ').

- c. If confirmed, please provide a rationale for combining MODS pool letter costs with MODs pool flat costs to calculate mail processing costs for flats.
4. Please refer to worksheet "PO Boxes" in USPS-LR-L-123.
  - a. Please provide TYBR box service revenue disaggregated by fee group. Confirm that these values sum to 773,381,719 as stated in cell W13.
  - b. Please provide TYAR box service revenue disaggregated by fee group. Confirm that these values sum to 849,874,435 as stated in cell Y13.
5. Please provide an updated version of USPS-LR-L-98 to reflect the changes made in USPS-LR-L-52 as filed in the revised version on June 15, 2006.
6. Witness Tang's June 1 responses to POIR No. 2, Questions No. 7, 9, and 10 stated that a revised version of USPS-LR-L-126 would be provided shortly. Please provide the anticipated filing date of the revised library reference or a status report if no firm date can be provided.

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