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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Modification of Analytical Principles in
Periodic Reporting (Proposal One)

Docket No. RM2009-5

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(Issued August 25, 2009)

The Commission received Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No.1 on August 13, 2009. On August 20, 2009, it received Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 2. While helpful, these responses left several significant issues unresolved. Due to the relatively short window that remains for evaluating this proposal, the Commission is scheduling a technical conference on September 2, 2009, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room. In addition to an expert on the RPW/ODIS data collection system, the Postal Service is requested to arrange for the attendance of experts on the role that RPW/ODIS volume data plays in the modeling of the costs of the Universal Service Obligation, the LogicNet Plus Optimization and Area Simulation, Transportation Optimization Planning and Scheduling model (TOPS), and the External First-Class Mail Measurement System (EXFC). The conference will inquire further into statistical sample design criteria, and the effect that losing sample observations supporting volume estimates for 3-digit ZIP Codes may have on the precision of sub-national volume inputs that are used in the above-referenced models.

By the Commission.

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