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REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF  
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
(OCA/USPS-58)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a revised response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-58, filed on August 28, 1996. The original response was filed on September 11, 1996.

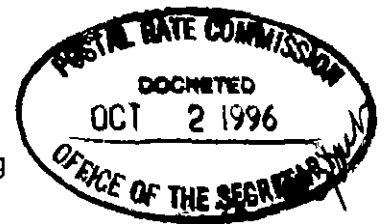
The only change in the response is to subpart (b), reflecting that column (d) sampling rates apply to clerks and mailhandlers in 21 finance numbers, rather than 19 as originally stated.

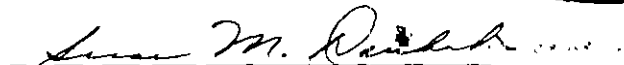
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OCA/USPS-58. Please refer to the attachment to the response to OCA/USPS-21c. This response discusses the effects on weighting of differential employee sampling rates within cost pool. There was no mention of differential sampling rates within a cost pool in the table of employee sampling rates provided in response to OCA/USPS-T5-13b.

- a. Please provide complete sample design documentation for the IOCS that defines and describes all sampling rates used within each cost pool.
- b. Please define the substrata or other subparts of each stratum or cost pool sampled at each of the possible employee sampling rates within that stratum or cost pool.

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- a. The table in the attachment lists in columns (a) and (b) the CAG by CRAFT cost pools used for dollar weighting, and in columns (c) through (e) the employee sampling rates used within each cost pool. The CAG by CRAFT cost pools in columns (a) and (b) are those exhibited in the attachment to the response to OCA/USPS-53. Columns (c) through (d) provide the employee sampling rates discussed in the attachment to the response to OCA/USPS-21c. Column (c) shows the basic employee sampling rates. Columns (d) and (e) show other sampling rates used within each cost pool.
- b. The CAG by CRAFT strata to which the basic employee sampling rates in column (c) apply are the same as those provided in response to OCA/USPS-T5.13b and at TR. 1/54 of Docket No. R94-1, June 1, 1994. For dollar weighting, CAG A/B is further subdivided into three cost pools: BMCs, "Large" offices, and "Other" A/B offices; clerks and carriers are further subdivided each into two cost pools: full-time regular, and

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other.

Column (d) sampling rates apply to clerks and mailhandlers in 21 finance numbers in CAG A/B cost pools. Each finance number is stratified into two groups: the first includes pay locations shown historically by IOCS to have concentrated international activities, and the second includes the remaining pay locations. The higher sampling rates in the first group (.50 or .12, or .09) is compensated by a lower rate in the second group (.02) to balance out data collection burden within a site.

There were 18 other finance numbers to which the sampling rates in column (e) were applied instead of the basic sampling rates in column (c). Column (e) includes sampling rates of CAG cost pools where those finance numbers were included at sample selection time, which were different from the CAG cost pools they were realigned with for dollar weighting.

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CAG /Craft Cost Pools		Employee Sampling Rates		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
CAG Cost Pool	Craft Cost Pool	All offices, except those in Columns (d) & (e)	Offices with International Activities	CAG- Realigned Offices
<b>CAG A/B</b>				
BMCs	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.03	.12, .02	
	Clerks, Other	.03	.12, .02	
	Mailhandlers	.03	.12, .02	
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.03		
	City Carriers, Other	.03		
	Special Delivery Messengers	.03		
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.04		
<b>IOCS CAG A</b> ("Large" offices)				
	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.03	.50, .02	.06
	Clerks, Other	.03	.50, .02	.06
	Mailhandlers	.03	.50, .02	.06
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.03		.06
	City Carriers, Other	.03		.06
	Special Delivery Messengers	.03		.06
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.04		.09
<b>IOCS CAG B</b> ("Other" A/B)				
	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.03	.50, .12, .09, .02	.06
	Clerks, Other	.03	.50, .12, .09, .02	.06
	Mailhandlers	.03	.50, .12, .09, .02	.06
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.03		.06
	City Carriers, Other	.03		.06
	Special Delivery Messengers	.03		.06
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.04		.09

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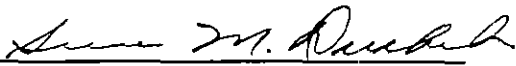
CAG /Craft Cost Pools		Employee Sampling Rates		
(a) CAG Cost Pool	(b) Craft Cost Pool	(c) All offices, except those in Columns (d) & (e)	(d) Offices with International Activities	(e) CAG- Realigned Offices
CAG C	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.06		
	Clerks , Other	.06		
	Mailhandlers	.06		
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.06		
	City Carriers, Other	.06		
	Special Delivery Messengers	.06		
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.09		
CAG D	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.13		.06 , .24
	Clerks , Other	.13		.06 , .24
	Mailhandlers	.13		.06 , .24
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.13		.06 , .24
	City Carriers, Other	.13		.06 , .24
	Special Delivery Messengers	.13		.06 , .24
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.10		.09 , .16
CAG E	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.24		.13
	Clerks , Other	.24		.13
	Mailhandlers	.24		.13
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.24		.13
	City Carriers, Other	.24		.13
	Special Delivery Messengers	.24		.13
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.16		.10
CAG F	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.49		.24
	Clerks , Other	.49		.24
	Mailhandlers	.49		.24
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.49		.24
	City Carriers, Other	.49		.24
	Special Delivery Messengers	.49		.24
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.36		.16

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(a) CAG Cost Pool	(b) Craft Cost Pool	(c) All offices, except those in Columns (d) & (e)	(d) Offices with International Activities	(e) CAG- Realigned Offices
CAG G	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.50		
	Clerks , Other	.50		
	Mailhandlers	.50		
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.50		
	City Carriers, Other	.50		
	Special Delivery Messengers	.50		
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.50		
CAG H	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.50		
	Clerks , Other	.50		
	Mailhandlers	.50		
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.50		
	City Carriers, Other	.50		
	Special Delivery Messengers	.50		
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.50		
CAG J	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.50		
	Clerks , Other	.50		
	Mailhandlers	.50		
	City Carriers, Full-Time Regular	.50		
	City Carriers, Other	.50		
	Special Delivery Messengers	.50		
	Supervisors, Technical Staff	.50		
CAG K	Clerks, Full-Time Regular	.50		
	Clerks , Other	.50		

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

  
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