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CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 31

(Issued June 19, 2017)

To clarify the basis of information provided by the Postal Service in response to Chairman's Information Request No. 30¹ and its 30-day report,² the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided to the individual questions as soon as they are developed, but no later than June 26, 2017.

Please refer to Response to CHIR No. 30, and 30-Day Report.

1. In its 30-Day Report, the Postal Service states that it "recently performed an updated study of the customer's package characteristics [for Parcel Return Service Contract 10], and is analyzing the data from this study." 30-Day Report at 2. When requested to provide an update on a Parcel Return Service Contract 10 amendment or revised financial workpapers, the Postal Service states that "[t]he package study is still ongoing." Response to CHIR No. 30, question 1.b. Additionally, the Postal Service states that it "expects the study to conclude this month." *Id.* Please reconcile the statements the Postal Service made regarding the status of the Parcel Return Service Contract 10 package study.
2. In its Response to CHIR No. 30, the Postal Service states that after it concludes the ongoing package study it "will then determine whether an amendment or a

¹ Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-3 of Chairman's Information Request No. 30, June 7, 2017 (Response to CHIR No. 30).

² First Response of the United States Postal Service to Commission Requests for Additional Information in the FY 2016 Annual Compliance Determination, April 27, 2017 (30-Day Report).

revised financial analysis is the appropriate course of action.” *Id.* The Postal Service states that it expects that the contract will cover its costs. *Id.* Please provide the financial analysis that serves as the basis for the Postal Service’s expectation that the Parcel Return Service Contract 10 will cover its costs in FY 2017.

3. Please provide an estimated timeframe for completing the Parcel Return Service Contract 10 package study, analysis of the study’s data, and developing revised workpapers.

By the Chairman.

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