

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

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Nanci E. Langley

Annual Compliance Report, 2018

Docket No. ACR2018

ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL WAIVER

(Issued December 21, 2018)

On December 13, 2018, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting a partial waiver of Rule 3050.21(I).¹ This provision requires the Postal Service to provide Inbound Letter Post² “revenue, volume, attributable cost, and contribution data by Universal Postal Union country group and by shape for the preceding the fiscal year subject to review and each of the preceding four fiscal years[.]” 39 C.F.R. § 3050.21(I).

In the Motion, the Postal Service explains that it first generated shape-based data for Inbound Letter Post when it submitted Proposal Five in June 2018. Motion at 1-2, citing Docket No. RM2018-8. This shape-based data pertained to Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. *Id.* at 2. However, the Postal Service explains that comparable data for previous fiscal years are not available. *Id.* Accordingly, “the Postal Service requests that it be

¹ Motion of the United States Postal Service for Partial Waiver of Rule 3050.21(I) Regarding Inbound Shape Data, December 13, 2018 (Motion).

² “Inbound Letter Post” as defined in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) section 1130.

exempted from providing the required shape-based data for any years prior to FY 2017.” *Id.* The Postal Service also requests that this partial waiver be extended for the Annual Compliance Reports (ACRs) covering FY 2019 and FY 2020. *Id.*

The Commission finds the Postal Service’s request for a partial waiver reasonable because the required shape-based data are not available for fiscal years preceding FY 2017. Therefore, the Commission grants the Motion. As a result, the Postal Service shall report the following data related to the Inbound Letter Post product with its ACR for FY 2018:

1. For FY 2018 and FY 2017, the Postal Service must provide Inbound Letter Post revenue, volume, attributable cost, and contribution data by Universal Postal Union country group and by shape.
2. For FY 2014, FY 2015 and FY 2016, the Postal Service must provide Inbound Letter Post revenue, volume, attributable cost, and contribution data by Universal Postal Union country group.

In subsequent ACR filings, the Postal Service shall provide the required Inbound Letter Post shape-based data for the required fiscal years for which it is available. If the shape-based data are not available, the Postal Service shall provide the required Inbound Letter Post data by UPU country group for the required fiscal years.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission grants the Motion of the United States Postal Service for Partial Waiver of Rule 3050.21(l) Regarding Inbound Shape Data.

2. The Postal Service must provide the Inbound Letter Post data with its Annual Compliance Report for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 as outlined in the body of this Order.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary