

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Market-Dominant Price Change

Docket No. R2020-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 9

(Issued October 29, 2019)

To clarify the basis of information provided by the Postal Service in its Market Dominant Price Change, filed October 9, 2019,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers to the questions should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than November 1, 2019.

Package Services

Please refer to the Postal Service's Notice and its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 7.² The Postal Service states that "Alaska Bypass Service Zone 3 was eliminated due to a Sectional Center Facility consolidation in 2016." Notice at 32 n.49. In subsequent rate cases, however, the Postal Service provided workpapers with Alaska Bypass Zone 3 volume and calculated the revenue for those volumes using Zone 3 prices.³

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Change, October 9, 2019 (Notice).

² Notice; Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 7, October 25, 2019, question 1.

³ See Docket No. R2019-1, Library Reference USPS-LR-R2019-1/4, October 10, 2018, Excel file "CapCalc-PackServ-R2019-1.xlsx," tabs "Alaska Bypass Curr. Prices" and "Alaska Bypass New Prices;" Docket No. R2018-1, Library Reference USPS-LR-R2018-1/4, October 6, 2017, Excel file "CAPCALC-PACKSERV-R2018-1.xlsx," tabs "Alaska Bypass Curr. Prices" and "Alaska Bypass New Prices;" Docket No. R2017-1, Library Reference USPS-LR-R2017-1/4, October 12, 2016, Excel file "CAPCALC-PACKSERV-R2017-1 Rev10-21.xlsx," tabs "Alaska Bypass Curr. Prices" and "Alaska Bypass New Prices."

- a. Please provide the precise date on which the Postal Service began charging Zones 1 & 2 prices for Zone 3 mailpieces.
- b. Please confirm that from July 1, 2018, onwards, no customers were charged Zone 3 prices. If not confirmed, please explain.

By the Chairman.

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