

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

MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE CHANGE

Docket No. R2020-1

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 6, QUESTIONS 5 TO 8, AND 11**
(October 30, 2019)

The Postal Service hereby responds to questions 5 to 8, and 11 of Chairman's Information Request No. 6, issued on October 21, 2019. Each question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response. The Postal Service acknowledges that it is submitting its response three days late due to data issues arising while reconciling the data formats at Address Management Services with those used in the Special Services workpapers. Responses to question 9 and 10 are still being prepared.

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5. Please refer to tab "K-10 ZIP + 4" in the CAPCALC file.¹
- a. Please confirm that the unit price for the product "Per State One Time Only" (cell D9 divided by cell C9) is \$45.00. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - b. If item a. is confirmed, please explain why this unit price is higher than the prices established in Docket No. R2018-1 (\$29.70) and Docket No. R2019-1 (\$33.00).
 - c. Please confirm that the unit price for the product "All States One Time Only" (cell D11 divided by cell C11) is \$769.50. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - d. If item c. is confirmed, please explain why this unit price is higher than the prices established in Docket No. R2018-1 (\$627.00) and Docket No. R2019-1 (\$643.50).

RESPONSE:

- a-b. Confirmed for the original CAPCALC file, but a revised file will be filed shortly, along with the response to question 10. There actually should be zero "Per State One Time Only" transactions in cell C9, with zero revenue in cell D9. There also should be an additional 3 "Per State" transactions at last year's price of \$45, increasing revenue in cell D8 by \$135.
- c-d. Confirmed for the original CAPCALC file, but a revised file will be filed shortly, along with the response to question 10. There should be only 3 "All States One Time Only" transactions, reducing revenue in cell D11 by \$1950. There also should be an additional 2 "All States" transactions at the current price of \$975, increasing revenue in cell D10 by \$1950.

¹ See *also* Docket No. R2018-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2018-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SS-R2018-1," tab "55. ZIP +4," November 9, 2017; Docket No. R2019-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2019-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SpecServ-R2019-1," tab "55. ZIP +4," November 13, 2018.

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6. Please refer to tab "K-14 DPV" in the CAPCALC file.²
- a. Please confirm that the unit price for the product "DPV" (cell D8 divided by cell C8) is \$10,823.53. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - b. If item a. is confirmed, please explain why this unit price is lower than the prices established in Docket No. R2018-1 (\$11,500.00) and Docket No. R2019-1 (\$11,500.00).

RESPONSE:

- a-b. Confirmed for the original CAPCALC file, but a revised file will be filed shortly, along with the response to question 10. There should be only 32 "DPV" transactions at the current unit price of \$11,500. Two transactions were incorrectly included in the total transaction count.

² See *also* Docket No. R2018-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2018-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SS-R2018-1.xlsx," tab "45. DPV," November 9, 2017; Docket No. R2019-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2019-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SpecServ-R2019-1.xlsx," tab "45. DPV," November 13, 2018.

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7. Please refer to tab "K-15 DSF2" in the CAPCALC file.³
- a. Please confirm that the unit price for the product "Each additional platform per location per year" (cell D11 divided by cell C11) is \$35,625.00. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - b. If item a. is confirmed, please explain why this unit price is lower than the prices established in Docket No. R2018-1 (\$57,000.00) and Docket No. R2019-1 (\$57,000.00).

RESPONSE:

- a-b. The calculation is confirmed for the CAPCALC file. One of the two transactions was charged at a prorated price of \$14,250, an incorrect application of MCS 1515.2, note 4 to an additional platform.

³ See *also* Docket No. R2018-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2018-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SS-R2018-1.xlsx," tab "46. DSF2," November 9, 2017; Docket No, R2019-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2019-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SpecServ-R2019-1.xlsx," tab "46. DSF2," November 13, 2018.

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8. Please refer to tab "K-17 CASS" in the CAPCALC file.⁴
- a. Please confirm that the unit price for the product "August – January (for next cycle)" (cell D9 divided by cell C9) is \$1,000.00. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - b. If item a. is confirmed, explain why this unit price is higher than the prices established in Docket No. R2018-1 (\$200.00) and Docket No. R2019-1 (\$200.00). Does the explanation provided in Docket No. R2018-1 continue to be accurate?⁵

RESPONSE:

- a-b. Confirmed for the original CAPCALC file, but a revised file will be filed shortly, along with the response to question 10. There should actually be zero "August – January (for next cycle)" transactions in cell C9, with zero revenue in cell D9. There should be a total of 5 "After July 31st (for current cycle)" transactions at the current unit price of \$1,000.

⁴ See also Docket No. R2018-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2018-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SS-R2018-1.xlsx," tab "40. CASS," November 9, 2017; Docket No. R2019-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2019-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SpecServ-R2019-1.xlsx," tab "40. CASS," November 13, 2018.

⁵ Docket No. R2018-1, Responses to CHIR No. 2, question 8.

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11. Please refer to tab "K-23 COA Reprint" of the CAPCALC file.⁶
- a. Please confirm that the unit price for the product (cell C9 divided by cell B9) is \$48.15. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - b. If previously confirmed, please explain why this unit price is lower than the prices established in Docket No. R2018-1 (\$50.00) and Docket No. R2019-1 (\$50.00).

RESPONSE:

- a-b. Confirmed for the original CAPCALC file, but a revised file will be filed shortly, along with the response to question 10. Revenue for the "COA Reprint" product was understated by \$50. Total revenue is \$1350 divided by 27 transactions, consistent with the \$50 price.

⁶ See *also* Docket No. R2018-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2018-1/5, Excel file "PRC-CAPCALC-SS-R2018-1.xlsx," tab "58. COA Reprint," November 9, 2017; Docket No, R2019-1, Library Reference PRC-LR-R2019-1/5, PRC-CAPCALC-SpecServ-R2019-1.xlsx," tab "58. COA Reprint," November 13, 2018.