

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

MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE CHANGE

Docket No. R2020-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 9**
(November 1, 2019)

The Postal Service hereby responds to Chairman's Information Request No. 9, issued on October 29, 2019. The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,
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Package Services

Please refer to the Postal Service's Notice and its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 7.¹ 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.²

- 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.

RESPONSE:

- a. On January 1, 2016, The Postal Service began charging Zones 1 & 2 prices for mailpieces labelled in our billing determinants as Zone 3. Those pieces actually were Zone 1 pieces for mailing and postage purposes. See December 24, 2015 Postal Bulletin, page 20, included on the next page.
- b. Confirmed.

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

² 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."

Organization Information

Domestic Mail

Labeling List Changes

Effective January 1, 2016, we will revise Labeling List(s) L002, L004, L005, L006, L007, L009, L010, L011, L012, L201, L606, L607, and L801 to reflect changes in mail processing operations. Mailers are expected to label according to these revised lists for mailings that are inducted on or after the January 1, 2016, effective date through the February 29, 2016, expiration date.

Labeling Lists

L000 General Use

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L002 3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix Matrix

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Changes

3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix	Column A 3-Digit Destinations Label To	Column B 3-Digit/Scheme Destinations Label To (Change From)	Column C SCF Destinations Label To (Change From)	Column A 3-Digit Destinations Label To (Change To)	Column B 3-Digit/Scheme Destinations Label To (Change To)	Column C SCF Destinations Label To (Change To)	Prefix 3-Digit Change Status
997	FAIRBANKS AK 997	FAIRBANKS AK 997	FAIRBANKS AK 997 D	FAIRBANKS AK 997	FAIRBANKS AK 997	SCF ANCHORAGE AK 995	Existing
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L004 3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix Groups – ADC Sortation

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Changes

Column A 3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix Group	Column B Label To (Change From)	Column B Label To (Change To)	Column B Change Status
567	ADC GRAND FORKS ND 582	ADC FARGO ND 580	Existing
577	ADC RAPID CITY SD 577	ADC SIOUX FALLS SD 570	Existing
582	ADC GRAND FORKS ND 582	ADC FARGO ND 580	Existing
583	ADC GRAND FORKS ND 582	ADC FARGO ND 580	Existing
594	ADC GREAT FALLS MT 594	ADC BILLINGS MT 590	Existing
595	ADC GREAT FALLS MT 594	ADC BILLINGS MT 590	Existing
596	ADC GREAT FALLS MT 594	ADC BILLINGS MT 590	Existing
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L005 3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix Groups – SCF Sortation

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Newly Added

Column A Destination ZIP Codes	Column B Label To (Added To)	Column B Change Status
997	SCF ANCHORAGE AK 995	Existing

Deleted

Column A Destination ZIP Codes	Column B Label To(Deleted From)
997	FAIRBANKS AK 997
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