

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

MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE CHANGE

Docket No. R2021-2

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF ERRATA AND REVISIONS
(June 21, 2021)

On May 28, 2021, the United States Postal Service filed a notice of Market-Dominant price changes in this docket. The Postal Service here files corrections, detailed below.

A. Marketing Mail

In R2021-2 Chairman's Information Request No. 3, Question 3a, the Chairman noted an apparent error in the Marketing Mail workpapers accompanying the price change notice. In Library Reference USPS-LR-R2021-2-2, Excel file "CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2021-2.xlsx, the formula used to calculate total pieces for Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) Retail contained a linking error.

In its response to this question, R2021-2 United States Postal Service Responses to Chairman's Information Request No. 3 (June 16, 2021), the Postal Service explained that the formula used to calculate total pieces for Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) Retail is the sum of quarterly EDDM retail pieces, but the formula was not properly linked to the applicable billing determinants.

To correct the error, the Postal Service is filing a corrected Library Reference, "USPS-LR-R2021-2-2-REV-6-21-21." It contains an updated preface in pdf format explaining the corrections, "R2021-2-MM Preface-Rev-6-21-21," and an updated Excel file,

“CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2021-2-Rev-6-21-21.xlsx,” which corrects the linking error. The corrected link results in the following:

- A change in the EDDM Retail volume from 816,974,339 to 518,708,996;
- A change in the EDDM Retail price from \$0.202 to \$0.200;
- A decrease in the overall proposed revenue for USPS Marketing Mail; and
- A decrease in the overall percentage change in rates for USPS Marketing Mail from 6.815 percent to 6.814 percent, which results in an increase in the banked authority from 0.001 percent to 0.002 percent.

See “CAPCALC-USPSMM-R2021-2-Rev-6-21-21.xlsx” at tab EDDM-Retail.

Given the price change, the Postal Service attaches below a revised page for the Mail Classification Schedule, which was filed as Attachment A to the May 28 price change notice. The price change is highlighted in section 1235.6.

B. Periodicals

1. Science of Agriculture

In R2021-2 Chairman’s Information Request No. 6, Question 1, the Chairman noted that Postal Service set the advertising pound price for Outside County Science of Agriculture Periodicals in Zones 1 and 2 to 54 percent, rather than 75 percent, of the corresponding price for regular Outside County Periodicals.

The Postal Service is, therefore, changing the advertising pound price for Outside County Science of Agriculture Periodicals in Zones 1 and 2 to from \$0.159 to \$0.219, equal to 75 percent of the corresponding price for regular Outside County Periodicals. The Postal Service attaches below a revised page for the Mail Classification Schedule, which was filed as Attachment A to the May 28 price change notice. This price change is highlighted in section 1310.6, Pound Prices.

The Postal Service is also filing a corrected Library Reference, USPS-LR-R2021-2-3-REV-6-21-21. It contains an updated preface in pdf format noting the correction, "Periodicals Preface Rev-6-21-21," and an updated CapCalc file reflecting the price change. "USPS-CAPCALC-PER-R2021-2-Rev-6-21-21" at tab "Outside County Adjustments," Cell F165.

The Postal Service also files today its response to ChIR No. 6, Question 1. See R2021-2 Response of The United States Postal Service to Questions 1 and 2 of Chairman's Information Request No. 6 (June 21, 2021).

2. Nonmachinable Automation / Non-Automation MADC Flats

In R2021-2 Chairman's Information Request No. 6, Question 2, following up R2021-2 Chairman's Information Request No. 1, Question 2, the Chairman noted an apparent discount without a passthrough, given a \$0.002 difference in prices submitted for Nonmachineable Nonautomation MADC Flats and Nonmachinable Automation MADC Flats.

As there is no difference in costs, the Postal Service is changing the price of Nonautomation MADC Flats to match the price of the Automation MADC Flats, \$0.781. The Postal Service attaches below a revised page for the Mail Classification Schedule, which was filed as Attachment A to the May 28 price change notice. This price change is highlighted in section 1310.6, Piece Price paragraph d.

The updated preface in corrected Library Reference USPS-LR-R2021-2-3-REV-6-21-21 also notes this price change, "Periodicals Preface Rev-6-21-21," as does the updated CapCalc file. See, "USPS-CAPCALC-PER-R2021-2-Rev-6-21-21" at tab "Outside County Adjustments," Cell F26.

Next, this price change, together with the price change above for Science of Agriculture advertising pound prices, result in a new overall percentage price change for Periodicals of 8.771 percent and new banked authority of 0.037 percent. These changes are also noted in the updated preface and are highlighted in the updated CapCalc file. See, “USPS-CAPCALC-PER-R2021-2-Rev-6-21-21” at tab “Summary.”

Further, the Postal Service is filing updated workshare discounts and passthroughs, which were originally filed as Attachment B to the May 28 price change. See “Attachment B R2021-2 6.21.21.xlsx.” The workshare information updated as a result of this change is highlighted on tab “Passthrough Outside County.”

Finally, the Postal Service also files today its response to ChIR No. 6, Question 2. See R2021-2 Response of The United States Postal Service to Questions 1 and 2 of Chairman’s Information Request No. 6 (June 21, 2021).

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REVISED MCS PAGES FOR ATTACHMENT A

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1235.5 Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- None

1235.6 Prices

Saturation Flats (3.3 ounces or less)

Entry Point	(\$)
DDU	0.200

1310.6 Prices

Charges are computed by adding the appropriate per-piece charge, per-bundle charge, per-sack charge, and per-pallet charge to the sum of the editorial (nonadvertising) pound portion and the advertising pound portion, as applicable.

Pound Prices (per pound or fraction thereof)

Entry Level or Zone	Regular		Science of Agriculture	
	Advertising (\$)	Editorial (\$)	Advertising (\$)	Editorial (\$)
DDU	0.120	0.088	0.090	0.088
DSCF	0.176	0.132	0.132	0.132
DADC	0.188	0.141	0.141	0.141
Zones 1 & 2	0.292	0.157	0.219	0.157
Zone 3	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 4	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 5	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 6	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 7	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 8	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157
Zone 9	0.292	0.157	0.292	0.157

Piece Price (per addressed piece)

a. Carrier Route Letters, Flats, and Parcels

Bundle Level	Letters, Flats, and Parcels (\$)
Saturation	0.167
High Density	0.185
Basic	0.218

b. Barcoded Letters

Bundle Level	Barcoded Letters (\$)
5-Digit	0.309
3-Digit/SCF	0.333
ADC	0.338
Mixed ADC	0.357

c. Machinable Flats and Nonbarcoded Letters

Bundle Level	Barcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Letters (\$)
5-Digit	0.381	0.394	0.394
3-Digit/SCF	0.485	0.513	0.513
ADC	0.525	0.566	0.566
Mixed ADC	0.579	0.633	0.633

d. Nonmachinable Flats and Parcels

Bundle Level	Barcoded Flats (\$)	Nonbarcoded Flats (\$)	Parcels (\$)
5-Digit	0.543	0.545	0.545
3-Digit/SCF	0.630	0.632	0.632
ADC	0.671	0.679	0.679
Mixed ADC	0.781	0.781	0.781

e. Editorial Adjustment

A per-piece editorial adjustment is provided by subtracting \$0.00112 for each 1 percent of editorial (nonadvertising) content from the applicable piece price.

REVISED ATTACHMENT B

WORKSHARE DISCOUNTS AND PASSTHROUGHS

Please see "Attachment B R2021-2 6.21.21.xlsx," filed with this notice.