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

Periodic Reporting   Docket No. RM2021-9
(Proposal Six)

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued October 21, 2021)

To clarify the Postal Service's petition to consider proposed changes in analytical principles, filed September 28, 2021, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions.[1] Answers to these questions should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than October 27, 2021.

1.   Please refer to Library Reference USPS-FY20-10 Excel file "USPS-FY20-10 FCM Letters Prop 6.xlsx" filed with the Petition.

   a.   Please confirm that the Bulk Machinable Metered model on tab "BMM COST" and the Nonautomation Machinable Mixed Automated Area Distribution Center (MAADC) letters model on tab "MACH MAADC COST" are identical except for the Premium Pay Adjustment Factor (Column I). If not, please describe all other differences between the models.

   b.   Please identify the source(s) of the entry points used in the proposed nonmachinable BMM model, shown in tab "BMM_NONMACH_MODEL" cells B6:Q12.

      i.   Please explain why the entry points for nonmachinable BMM are different than the entry points for nonmachinable MADC letters in tab "NMACH MADC MODEL."

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[1] Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Six), September 28, 2021 (Petition).

ii.   Please explain why the entry points for nonmachinable BMM are different than the entry points for nonmachinable single-piece letters in tab "SP NMACH MODEL."

2.   Please refer to Docket No. ACR2020 Library Reference PRC-LR-ACR2020-3, Excel file "PRC-FY20-FCM Letters.xlsx" tab "BMM COST" cell L43, which contains the current aggregated modeled cost for all BMM letters of 5.608 cents. The disaggregated modeled costs for BMM letters resulting from the proposal are 6.140 cents for machinable and 23.362 cents for nonmachinable (Petition at 4), each of which is greater than the modeled cost of both combined. Please explain this counterintuitive result, whereby the cost of the aggregated set of all BMM is not in between the costs of the two subsets of BMM being disaggregated.

By the Chairman.

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