

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

Public Inquiry on the
Universal Service Obligation
Valuation Methodology

Docket No. PI2021-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2
AND NOTICE OF FILING UNDER SEAL

(Issued October 29, 2021)

The Commission updates its estimate of the cost of the Postal Service's universal service obligation (USO) each year in the Commission's Annual Report to the President and Congress, based on the methodological approach adopted in the Commission's 2008 USO report.¹ The following questions seek to potentially improve selected inputs to these calculations with respect to small post office costs, as well as to clarify the Postal Service's responses to CHIR No. 1.² The Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses and data requests should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than November 5, 2021.

Postmasters' Costs

1. Please see Attachment filed under seal.
2. Please see Attachment filed under seal.

¹ 39 U.S.C. § 3651(b). See, e.g., Postal Regulatory Commission, Annual Report to the President and Congress, FY 2020, January 26, 2021, at 47-53. See also Postal Regulatory Commission, Report on Universal Postal Service and the Postal Monopoly, December 19, 2008 (2008 USO Report).

² Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-3 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1, September 24, 2021.

Clerks' Costs

3. Please see Attachment filed under seal.
4. Please see Attachment filed under seal.
5. Please see Attachment filed under seal.

By the Chairman.

Michael Kubayanda