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Experimental Periodicals
Co-Palletization Dropship Discounts

Docket No. MC2002-3

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued October 11, 2002)

United States Postal Service is requested to provide the information described below to assist in developing a record for the consideration of its request. In order to facilitate inclusion of the requested material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service is to have a witness attest to the accuracy of the answers and be prepared to explain to the extent necessary the basis for the answers. The answers are to be provided by October 25, 2002.

1. Witness Taufique's testimony (USPS-T-1 at 16) regarding the proposed data collection plan lacks the specificity and related explanation contemplated by Commission rule 67c(b). This rule requires the Service to provide, among other things, a detailed description of the data involved in the anticipated collection effort. The testimony also omits any reference to periodic reporting.
 - a. Please list the data that the Postal Service intends to collect during the experiment in order to determine whether the experiment is successful. Specifically, will the Postal Service collect the following information:
 - number of permit holders using the discount
 - number of pallets per ADC, SCF
 - number of pounds Per ADC, SCF
 - number of pieces earning each discount per ADC, SCF?

- b. If the service does not plan to provide such information to the Commission at least every six months, please explain why.
- 2. Please refer to USPS-T-1, pages 5-6. Has any new information been collected to support the \$0.0209 per piece savings of pallets over sacks at destination facilities? If so, please provide the information.
- 3. Please describe any plans to further study the cost differences (not limited to destination facilities) between sacks and pallets.


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Chairman