

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

CUSTOMIZED MARKET MAIL MINOR
CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Docket No. MC2003-1

**. NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF FILING REVISION TO
THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESS ASHE (USPS-T-1) [ERRATUM]**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides notice that it is today filing a revision to the testimony of witness Ashe (USPS-T-1). The revisions include the following:

Page	Line	Change
7	18	delete "the" before "plant" and delete "program" after "(PVDS)" and add "or Priority/Express Mail dropshipment" after "(PVDS)"
7	19	change "the PVDS" to "either"
7	21	Delete "PVDS"

A copy of revised page 7 is attached to this notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 foreseeable future, CMM would remain a low-volume form of mail, generating
2 proportionally small revenues, and used only in those situations where a message of
3 that sort makes financial and commercial sense.

4 As a result, the classification change, *per se*, is appropriately considered “minor” and
5 there is no reason to believe that CMM is ever going to be more than a “niche” type of
6 mail. As witness Hope notes, it is reasonable to conclude that implementing the
7 classification changes associated with CMM will have no substantial effect on
8 institutional contribution.

9 **IV. OPERATING PLAN**

10 Because CMM would not be expected or required to be compatible with mechanical
11 or automated processing or mail transportation equipment requirements, its entry profile
12 would bypass the mail processing operations designed for other mail.

13 Specifically, although CMM could be verified at upstream plants, it would have to be
14 physically entered at the destination delivery unit (DDU), the facility where the mail
15 would be cased for delivery. Physical entry into the mailstream at upstream points such
16 as a bulk mail center, processing plant, or origin post office, would not be permitted.

17 At the mailer’s option, CMM would have to be presented for postage verification
18 either at origin (under plant-verified drop shipment (PVDS) or Priority/Express Mail dropshipment) or at
19 destination (as a bulk mailing subject to the applicable requirements). Under either
20 option, current standards for minimum volume would apply (*i.e.*, the minimum volume
21 would apply to the entire mailing rather than to the quantity for each DDU), and
22 transportation to destination would be on a vehicle owned or hired by the mailer, or by
23 use of Priority Mail or Express Mail drop shipment (under the existing standards). Either