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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: George Omas, Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Dana B. Covington, Sr.; and
Ruth Y. Goldway

International Mail Report Docket No. IM2004-1

EIGHTH NOTICE OF INTERNATIONAL MAIL
DATA REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 2003
WITH CONFIDENTIAL TABLES

(Issued May 6, 2004)

In order to help the Commission prepare the report required by 39 U.S.C. § 3663, on the costs, volumes, and revenues of the Postal Service’s international mail services, the Service is requested to provide the following information on or before May 11, 2004. To communicate more effectively, Question No. 2 references tables that display alternative calculations of product-specific costs. Because they are product-specific, these cost tables are commercially sensitive, and therefore will not be publicly disseminated.

1. In response to the Sixth Notice (Order No. 1403), Question 1, the Postal Service provided Attachment 1, Attachment 1 Revised 4/29/04, and Attachment II.

a. Please confirm that Attachment II incorporates all corrections and revisions including the revisions in Attachment I (Revised 4/29/04).

b. It is the Commission's understanding that some of the revisions in the referenced attachments are due to an incorrect summation formula and to shifting IOCS tallies to different inbound mail categories and different country groupings. Please confirm.

2. Tables 1, 2, and 3 attached summarize attributable costs within each cost component and inbound mail category from four USPS documents. Column 4 contains data from the Summary Description and Documentation, Volume II, Section P5. The amounts in bold in column 4 do not match the revised figures in column 3.

   a. Do the figures in column 3 replace the figures in column 4? If not, please explain whether the figures in columns 3 and 4 should match line by line.

   b. If the column 3 figures do replace the column 4 figures, please provide revised versions of the following pages of the FY 2003 ICRA Report – PRC Version: the table on page ii of the Executive Summary, A-1, A-7, and B-7.

3. Please provide an electronic version of the attachments to the Postal Service's response to the Sixth Notice (Order No. 1403), Question 1. If, as a result of responding to this question, the Postal Service revises the costs that appear in Attachment II of the USPS response to the Sixth Notice, please provide only the revised electronic spreadsheets used to develop the attributable costs by cost component and category for response to this notice. Please include all the direct tallies used to distribute attributable costs to mail category. Please confirm that these tallies incorporate all the adjustments the Postal Service performed.

It is ordered:

The Postal Service is directed to provide the items in the body of this Order on or before May 11, 2004.

By the Commission
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Steven W. Williams
Secretary