



April 11, 2005

Hon. Steven W. Williams, Secretary
Postal Rate Commission
1333 H Street, NW, Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

In connection with the Commission's rules pertaining to periodic reports, 39 C.F.R. § 3001.102 (2004), I have enclosed copies of the Origin-Destination Information System—Revenue, Pieces & Weight Quarterly Statistics Report for Quarters I through IV, Fiscal Year 2004. I have also enclosed a disk with a machine-readable version of this report.

This report revises presentations of statistics contained in prior years in separate quarterly reports for the Origin-Destination System (ODIS) and the Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (RPW) system. The new Quarterly Statistics Report (QSR) replaces the ODIS and RPW quarterly reports referenced in the Commission's periodic reporting rules (39 C.F.R. §§ 102(b)(1) and (2)).

You might recall that, in a letter dated July 17, 2003, I informed the Commission that ODIS and the RPW system would be merged. We provided the Commission a public briefing on the changes in September of 2003. The revised reports reflect that merger, beginning with Quarter I of FY 2004. The changes in coverage and format in the report also reflect the switch to calendar quarter reporting in FY 2004, and a review of the quality of the QSR information.

The new, consolidated quarterly report has changed and improved the presentation of ODIS and RPW statistics in several respects. These include the following:

- (1) We have added the RPW Summary Report to the QSR.

- (2) We have included expanded information on mail categories by shape and indicia.
- (3) We have expanded information on "Average Days to Delivery" and "Percentage of Mail Delivered Within Specified Number of Days" to cover additional mail categories.
- (4) We have replaced estimates based on distance between SCFs with a table using a breakdown between intra- and inter-P(?) Distribution Centers (PDC).
- (5) We have added a table on First-Class Mail "Service Commitment Achievement."
- (6) We now present all tables on the basis of calendar quarters.

In the future, we will transmit the revised QSR after each calendar quarter. The report will also be made available at the Postal Service's public web site. If you have any questions regarding the revised presentation, please contact me, and I will provide further explanation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Taylor