

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 108-18

Docket No. R2005-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF FILING OF
REVISED TESTIMONY OF WITNESS WESNER (USPS-T-24)[ERRATA]
(June 24, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides notice of the filing of revisions to the testimony of witness Wesner (USPS-T-24). The revisions reflect the responses to interrogatories DFC/USPS-T24-2-4, also filed today. On page 11, lines 9-10, "a secure, digitally encrypted email transmission" is changed to "email." On page 12, lines 5-6, "Unit costs for the digital transmission of the encrypted signature" is changed to "Computer-related costs for the electronic return receipt service."

The two revised pages are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 receipts for merchandise, and return receipts after mailing are available for
2 purchase at the retail counter.

3 For the electronic return receipt (eRR), the customer purchases the
4 service at the retail window at the time of mailing. After mailing, the customer
5 goes to www.usps.com, selects "Track and Confirm," enters the label number(s),
6 selects "Request Return Receipt (electronic)", and then enters his/her name and
7 email address. After delivery of the accountable piece, the customer will
8 automatically be sent the delivery date and time information, and a digital image
9 of the signature from the accountable mailpiece, via email.

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11 B. Methodology

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13 For all return receipts, I rely on the methodology presented by witness
14 Nieto (USPS-T-26) in Docket No. R2001-1, and update costs with new wage
15 rates and piggyback factors.

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17 For return receipts after mailing, I calculate a single unit cost for the
18 purchase transaction (assuming all purchases are done at the retail window), and
19 add the cost for returning the return receipt (by fax, mail, or email). The details of
20 these calculations are found in library reference K-60, Worksheet W-7.

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22 For electronic return receipt, acceptance costs are based upon the
23 existing return receipt acceptance window transaction time. The signature for the
accountable mailpiece is collected at delivery on Form 3849, which is then
scanned, and stored electronically using the Electronic Signature Capture

1 system. Since the electronic return receipt uses that signature, it causes no
 2 additional costs for delivery or scanning activities.

3 Once the signature is electronically available in the system, and the
 4 customer has entered his/her email address as mentioned above, the electronic
 5 return receipt will be sent via email to the customer. Computer-related costs for
 6 the electronic return receipt service are based on estimates provided by Docket
 7 No. R2001-1 witness Nieto. These calculations are also presented in my library
 8 reference (USPS-LR-K-60, Worksheet W-5).

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10 C. Results

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12 Table 4 provides a summary of the test year volume variable costs of the
 13 various return receipt services.

Table 3: Test Year Unit Volume Variable Costs for Return Receipts	
Service	Cost
Return Receipts	
Non-Merchandise	\$1.4331
After Mailing	\$2.2315
Merchandise	\$2.3173
Electronic Return Receipt	\$0.8895

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