

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS  
MARTIN CZIGLER TO INTERROGATORY OF NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION  
NNA/USPS-T1-20 [Erratum]  
(July 27, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the revised response of witness Martin Czigler to the following interrogatory of the National Newspaper Association: NNA/USPS-T1-20, filed on June 27, 2006. The original response was filed on July 10, and the expectation of filing a revised response was signaled in the response to NNA/USPS-T1-34, filed on July 26, 2006. The revised response replaces the original in its entirety; the revision date appears in the footer of the revised response.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and followed by the response:

Respectfully submitted,

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TO INTERROGATORY OF THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION**

**NNA/USPS-T1-20.** In USPS-LR-L-9, the Postal Service has provided a PC SAS data file for its IOCS Base Year 2005 data. In that data file, it appears that 7,541 “Y” answers were recorded in response to the question Q23E06, “Is Mail Piece a Periodical?” [sic] Please reconcile this count with the count of 7,671 Periodicals tallies that is referenced in Appendix D, at page D-3. Please explain fully why the USPS added 130 tallies where the Mail Piece was not characterized as a Periodical.

**RESPONSE:**

There are 7,681 direct Periodical tallies rather than 7,671; see the response to NNA/USPS-T1-14.

In addition to answering “Y” at Q23E06, Periodicals may also be identified by answering option ‘G’, “Periodicals” at questions Q23G01 or Q23G01A. 540 tallies recorded ‘G’ for question Q23G01, while 17 had ‘G’ recorded for Q23G01A, for a total of 8098 tallies. Of these, 7,681 were coded with domestic Periodicals activity codes, following verification procedures. 109 tallies were assigned non-Periodicals activity codes because of data processing rules that supersede the assignment of domestic Periodicals activity codes. These include cancellation of readings due to the use of prototype software, periodicals destined for other countries, and tallies from carriers handling wheeled containers or a combination of container types. The remaining 308 tallies could not be verified as Periodicals based on the information available, such as the ISSN, Publication number, or title. See LR-L-9, section VI; Appendix B, Part 2, and program ALB078S7 in Appendix H. Table 1, below, provides a complete reconciliation of the counts.

Table 1: Counts of Periodical Responses to Q23E06,Q23G1,Q23G1A

	<b>Tallies</b>	<b>Verified Periodicals</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Activity Codes Superseding Periodicals</b>	<b>Not Verified as Periodicals</b>
Q23E06 = 'Y'	<b>7541</b>	7164	377	102	275
Q23G01 = 'G'	540	500	40	7	33
Q23G01A = 'G'	17	17	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8098</b>	<b>7681</b>	417	109	308