

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

SECOND STATUS REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
REGARDING RESPONSES TO ITEMS 4-12 OF POIR NO. 4
(August 11, 2006)

On June 1, 2006, the Presiding Officer issued Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 4. Items 4-12 of the POIR relate to city carrier data collected by the Postal Service in 2004 that are similar to the city carrier data that were collected by the Postal Service in 2002 and presented in Docket No. R2005-1. POIR No. 4 called for responses to be provided by June 14, 2006, a response period of 13 days. On June 9, 2006, the Postal Service filed a status report, explaining the three steps that would be necessary to complete in order to respond fully to Items 4-12, and presenting estimates of the time necessary to complete each step. The Postal Service also stated its expectation to provide a further status report when each of the first two steps was completed.

The Postal Service can now report that it has essentially completed the first step (prepare cost pool programs and form cost pools). It has also made substantial progress on the second step (prepare regression data sets). In accordance with its original estimates, the Postal Service projects that 3-4 weeks will be required to complete the second step, and an additional 2-3 weeks will be required to prepare the

requested analyses and responses to Items 4-12. The overall estimate of remaining time is therefore 5-7 weeks

Respectfully submitted,

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