

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2006

Docket No. R2006-1

UPDATE REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER ON SECOND STATUS
REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING RESPONSES
TO ITEMS 4-12 OF POIR NO. 4
(August 25, 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. On August 11, the Postal Service filed its second status report, indicating the completion of the first step. At the August 22 hearing on the testimony of Prof. Bradley (USPS-T-14), however, the Presiding Officer sought assurance that the time estimates in the second status report continue to be valid (Tr. 13/3867).

The Postal Service has no reason to believe that those estimates have changed. The Postal Service anticipated the sense of urgency expressed by the Presiding Officer at the hearing, and progress has continued apace in the 2 weeks since August 11.

Therefore, what on August 11 was an overall estimate of 5-7 weeks as the additional time required has now been reduced to an estimate of 3-5 weeks. Barring unforeseen circumstances (including those relating to the subject matter and quantity of intervenor testimony filed on September 6, and the extent that such testimony also requires the attention of the same personnel working on the POIR No. 4 material), 3-5 weeks from today is still the Postal Service's best current estimate of when it will be able to provide the materials requested in items 4-12 of POIR No. 4.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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