

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES

Docket No. R2006-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
WITNESS ABDIRAHMAN TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST  
(POIR) NO. 8, QUESTION 15 (d) (ERRATA)  
(August 29, 2006)

The United States Postal Service hereby revises the response of witness Abdirahman to Presiding Officer's Information Request (POIR) No. 8, Question 15 (d), issued June 14, 2006. The original response was filed on July 28, 2006. The question referenced library reference USPS-LR-L-141, which was revised on August 23, 2006, and requested a parallel estimate. Because of the changes to USPS-LR-L-141, a new parallel estimate is provided.

The question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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(USPS-T-22) TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST  
(POIR) No.8 QUESTION 15 (d)

15. Please refer to USPS-T-32, pages 20-21, where the rationale for the proposal to eliminate the automation carrier route presort discount for First-Class letters is presented. Witness Taufique states that the "current and future processing of letter-shaped mail requires delivery point sequencing of mail at destinating Processing and Distribution Centers." He further explains that "fewer delivery units have Carrier Sequence Bar Code Sorter (CSBCS) equipment" and "[w]hen CSBCS equipment is removed from the remaining delivery units, all of this mail will be merged in the 5-Digit Automation rate category[.]"

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- d. USPS-LR-L-141 (which utilizes PRC cost attribution methodology) shows an estimated savings of 1.237 cents per piece for First-Class automation carrier route presort letters as compared to automation 5-digit presort letters at CSBCS/manual sites. Please present a parallel estimate of savings for automation carrier route presort letters using the Postal Service's proposed costing methodology.

**RESPONSE:**

(d) Library Reference USPS-LR-L-141, revised on August 23, 2006, shows an estimated savings of 1.294 cents per piece for First-Class automation carrier route presort letters as compared to automation 5-digit presort letters at CSBC/manual sites. The parallel estimate of savings for automation carrier route presort letters using the Postal Service's costing methodology is 1.136 cents per piece.