

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

RATE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT
BASELINE NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK

Docket No. MC2006-3

**STATUS REPORT ON RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL
SERVICE TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY THE OCA AT THE HEARING ON
NOVEMBER 9, 2006**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a status report regarding its response to the question raised by the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) at the hearing on November 9, 2006. At the November 9 hearing, the OCA requested that the United States Postal Service provide the OCA and the Commission with “WMB’s volumes, both marketing and customer, for fiscal year 2006.” (Tr. 4/398). In response, the Postal Service stated that it would “obtain those figures and supply them to the Commission.” Id. Chairman Omas requested that the Postal Service file this data with the Commission within seven days of the hearing (November 16, 2006). Id. The Postal Service stated that it would take that due date as “a target that [it would] use [its] best efforts to meet.” Id. The OCA then specified that it was “asking for the customer first class volume, the solicitation first class volume and any standard solicitation volume.” Id. The Postal Service stated that it would supply that data if such data were available for those breakdowns. Id.

To insure the accuracy of WMB’s mail volume data for fiscal year 2006, the Postal Service must first identify and account for all postage permits used by

WMB or its vendors for credit card solicitation mailings. Because there is currently no NSA between the co-proponents, the Postal Service cannot link WMB's postage permits to the Postal Service's automated NSA tracking system. As a consequence, the Postal Service must use multiple internal systems to match the Postal Service's permit records with WMB's mailing records to verify the mail volume numbers. This will require, among other steps, contacting individual field BMEU's located throughout the United States. We want to report that WMB has cooperated fully in this effort.

Due to the magnitude of this data collection process, the Postal Service has been unable to meet the target deadline set by the Commission for the filing of WMB's mail volume data for fiscal year 2006. However, the Postal Service expects that it will be able to file the requested data during the week of November 27, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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