

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

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
GLOBAL DIRECT CONTRACT (MC2009-9)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket Nos.
CP2009-10

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
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CP2009-11

**NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF FILING OF RESPONSES TO
CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**

(December 5, 2008)

In accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3015.6, the United States Postal Service hereby gives notice that it is filing responses to Chairman's Information Request No. 1 in Docket Nos. CP2009-10 and CP2008-11, which was issued on December 1, 2008. Question 1 was filed under seal by the Chairman and the response is accordingly filed under seal. The response to question 2, which was filed publicly, is provided herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHAIRMAN'S
INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1
DOCKET NOS. CP2009-10 AND CP2009-11**

Question 2:

Please provide a short narrative of the Postal Service processing, handling, transportation, and deposit with the foreign post for mail subject to these contracts.

Response:

Mailings are presented by the customer in trays or other equipment designated by the Postal Service to a Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU) at a postal facility in an origin city, or at an International Service Center (ISC) or other postal facility operating as a U.S. exchange office for verification and acceptance. Selected Processing and Distribution Centers and Bulk Mail Centers are examples of such facilities. Origin cities are generally selected based on proximity to the mailer's location and Postal Service transportation costs. If the mailings are accepted at a postal facility in an origin city, instead of at an ISC or other facility operating as a U.S. exchange office, they are then carried via air or surface transportation from the acceptance facility to the serving ISC or other facility operating as a U.S. exchange office. At each of the ISCs or other facilities operating as a U.S. exchange office, the mailings are prepared for dispatch and placed on either air or surface transportation, depending upon the time of day and the destination country, to the respective foreign postal administration exchange office. Upon arrival at the foreign postal administration exchange office, mailings are accepted by the foreign postal administration for processing and delivery throughout its domestic territory.