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Modification of Analytic Principles Used in
Periodic Reporting (Proposal One)

Docket No. RM2009-5

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued August 6, 2009)

To clarify the basis of Proposal One, the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following questions. Responses should be provided no later than August 21, 2009.

Question 4 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1 asked the Postal Service to quantify the impact of the proposed reduction in sample size on the precision of origin by destination 3-digit ZIP Code volume statistics. To clarify, the response to that question quantifying the impact on the precision of the ZIP-Code pair matrix may be done in alternative formats. For example, the quantification may be presented as a range of coefficients of variation, mean, and standard deviation, or, alternatively, as a box diagram.

1. Please identify the stratification criteria for the ODIS-RPW.
2. a. Please confirm that (i) Mail Exit Points (MEPs) are the primary sampling units for the ODIS-RPW, (ii) MEP-days are second stage sampling units, and (iii) mailpieces within sampled MEP-days are sampled at the third stage. If not confirmed, please explain.

- b. At what stage of the sampling procedure is the proposed 20% sample reduction expected to be implemented?
3. Please provide the mathematical expression for the variance estimator associated with the estimated coefficients of variation given in Tables 1 and 2 of Proposal One.
4. Please identify the resultant sample allocation scheme which minimizes the impact of the proposed sample reduction on report volume and revenue coefficients of variation.

By the Chairman.

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