

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

STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION AND
CONSOLIDATION INITIATIVE, 2009

Docket No. N2009-1

REVISED RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
QUESTION 15 OF COMMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1
(October 30, 2009)

The United States Postal Service hereby files a revised response to Question 15 of Commission Information Request No. 1. The original partial response was filed on September 8, 2009. Presiding Officer's Ruling No. N2009-1/10 (October 1, 2009) directs the Postal Service to complete that response. The revised response filed today makes substantial progress toward completion of that obligation and supersedes the original response.

To review, Question 15 requested that the following information be provided in reference to each of the postal retail stations and branches that were originally within the scope of Station and Branch Optimization and Consolidation (SBOC) Initiative:

(1) the facility name; (2) the physical address, city, state, ZIP Code, postal district and area; (3) whether or not the facilities are leased or owned by the Postal Service; (4) the number of post office boxes per facility; (5) finance number; (6) FY 2008 revenues; and (7) FY 2008 costs.

At the time of the filing of the Request in this docket, the SBOC Initiative was estimated to affect approximately 3200 candidate stations and branches. The initial effort to compile a comprehensive list of these facilities resulted in the conclusion that there were over 3600 such facilities. However, further review has revealed that several hundred Post Offices and carrier annexes outside the scope of the SBOC Initiative were

erroneously identified as candidate facilities. As a consequence, the spreadsheet filed today as USPS Library Reference N2009-1/19 more accurately depicts the universe of candidate stations and branches originally under review as part of the SBOC Initiative as fewer than 3310.

The spreadsheet filed today provides information responsive to all but the final Question 15 data element: “(7) FY 2008 costs.” Information responsive to that final requirement is forthcoming. Some facility addresses and finance numbers previously included in other documents have been corrected in the spreadsheet filed today.

In pertinent pleadings, the Postal Service alerted the Commission to the complications inherent in the laborious task of extracting the requested cost minutiae for thousands of stations and branches from decentralized databases and validating and aggregating those data. Nevertheless, the undertaking of the task of compiling the cost data was compelled. Where cost data for various station and branches that report to a single six-digit finance number are routinely aggregated in central postal data systems, the task of retrieving disaggregated data from decentralized data systems (and by further disaggregation, analysis or estimation) attributing a proper portion to a specific SBOC Initiative candidate station or branch has been undertaken. Overseeing the task and ensuring a high degree of consistency in data disaggregation and/or estimation by scores of District offices for thousands of facilities is a challenging task. To-date, as anticipated, hundreds of workhours are being expended in the field and at headquarters in completion of the response to Question 15. As it moves toward completion of its response, the Postal Service is motivated by the hope that all of the data it has been

compelled to provide serve some meaningful and prominent purpose in support of the Commission's advisory opinion in this docket.

Casual readers of pleadings filed in this docket are advised that USPS Library Reference N2009-1/19 is intended merely to reflect the universe of stations and branches that were initially under consideration as part of the SBOC Initiative. The most recent list of facilities that remain under consideration was filed in USPS Library Reference N2009-1/4, as revised on October 9, 2009. As of that date, 371 SBOC Initiative candidate facilities now listed in USPS Library Reference N2009-1/19 remained under consideration as candidates for discontinuance. An updated version of Library Reference N2009-1/4 will be filed in the next week or two to reflect any further progress in whittling down that list.

The revised partial response to Question 15 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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15. USPS-T-1 at 8, n.5 indicates that a list of the candidate offices will be provided to the Commission as soon as possible. Please provide this list in electronic format and include for each facility in that list: (1) the facility name; (2) the physical address, city, state, ZIP Code, postal district and area; (3) whether or not the facilities are leased or owned by the Postal Service; (4) the number of post office boxes per facility; (5) finance number; (6) FY 2008 revenues; and (7) FY 2008 costs.

RESPONSE

For information responsive to subparts (1) through (6), see USPS Library

Reference N2009-1/19. Information responsive to subpart (7) is forthcoming.