

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Competitive Products Price Changes
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2010-8

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued November 19, 2009)

To clarify the basis of the Postal Service's proposals and to assist in the completion of the record, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions, which follow up the Postal Service's response filed on November 16, 2009 to Question 2 set forth in Order No. 333¹. Responses are due as soon as practicable, but no later than November 25, 2009.

1. Please confirm, and if not confirmed, please explain, that:
 - a. Retail Express Mail Prices will increase by 4.58 percent. See CP2010-8 CIR#2-EM.xls, tab: Retail;
 - b. Commercial Base prices will increase by 4.57 percent. See CP2010-8 CIR#2-EM.xls, tab: Commercial Base; and
 - c. Commercial Plus prices will increase by 2.16 percent. See CP2010-8 CIR#2-EM.xls, tab: Commercial Plus.
2. Please show the derivation of and provide a source for the "Volume Distribution" and "Commercial Split" percentages listed in file: CIR #2-PM.xls, tab: Total.
3. a. Please explain how the Priority Mail billing determinants were adjusted to account for the new 1/2 pound Commercial Plus rate cells in file CIR

¹ Supplemental Information Provided by the United States Postal Service in Response to Commission Order No. 333, November 16, 2009; see *also* PRC Order No. 333, Notice and Order Concerning Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 6, 2009, at 4.

- #2-PM.xls, tab: Commercial Plus. Please provide all supporting calculations.
- b. Have the Priority Mail billing determinants been adjusted to incorporate the addition of the new Commercial Plus Cubic rate category? If so, please explain the adjustment and provide supporting calculations. If not, please adjust the billing determinants, and provide a narrative explaining the adjustment.
 - c. Have the Priority Mail billing determinants been adjusted to incorporate the addition of the flat rate padded envelope priced at \$4.95? If so, please explain the adjustment and provide supporting calculations. If not, please adjust the billing determinants, provide a narrative explaining the adjustment, and provide the supporting calculations.
 - d. For Priority Mail Small Flat Rate Boxes, please provide adjusted billing determinants, a narrative explaining the adjustments, and all supporting calculations.
4. Please show the derivation of and provide a source for the Express Mail Volume Distributions for Retail, Commercial Base, and Commercial Plus Express Mail in file: CP2010-8-CIR#2-EM, tab: Control.
 5. Please show the derivation of and provide sources for all data in file: CP2010-8-CIR#2-PRS.xls, tab: Inputs.
 6. Please show the derivation of and provide sources for all data in file: CP2010-8ParcelSelect.xls, tab: Inputs.

7. Were the Priority Mail International billing determinants adjusted to account for the proposed mail classification change to have a single maximum dimension for both rectangular and non-rectangular pieces? If so, please explain the adjustment. If not, why not?

By the Chairman.

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