

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

MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE CHANGE
(NETWORK DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

Docket No. MC2010-19

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE
(February 26, 2010)**

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) files this Notice of a change in classification, reflecting the following change in terminology. The Postal Service is revising its regulations in *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM[®]), and other related manuals and publications, pursuant to the ongoing transition of USPS[®] bulk mail centers (BMC) to network distribution centers (NDC), by replacing all text references to “Bulk Mailing Center” with “Network Distribution Center,” and “BMC” with “NDC,” effective March 15, 2010. The Postal Service is similarly revising its service standard regulations in Part 121 of Title 39, *Code of Federal Regulations*, to reflect the BMC to NDC terminology change. Concurrently with this Notice, the Postal Service will file a *Federal Register* notice explaining these changes.

The BMC network was established and developed in the 1970s to process mail matter currently included in Parcel Post[®], Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail[®], Standard Mail[®] and Periodicals. Fluctuations in volume and changes in the mailing habits of the public and large mailers have necessitated changes in BMC processing and transportation. To maximize efficient use of existing BMC facilities and transportation, the Postal Service is changing its mail flow processes through the new NDC network.

As part of this change, the Postal Service is converting BMCs to NDCs. It began implementation of the NDC concept in May 2009, and this transition continues.

The Postal Service is taking another step towards implementation of the NDC concept by effecting the name change, from BMC to NDC, within the MCS, the DMM and other related manuals and publications, section 121 of Title 39, *Code of Federal Regulations*, and postage statements. This revision is limited to the change in nomenclature only. There are no changes to mailing standards, service standards, or Postal Service processes that result from this action. The Postal Service expects to propose changes later, with appropriate notice, to the requirements surrounding the preparation, entry, and deposit of mail pursuant to final implementation of the NDC concept.

On August 3, 2009, the Postal Service changed all of its applicable labeling lists to effect the name change from BMC to NDC. At that time mailers were provided a 73-day transitional period to make the changes to their software applications. See Postal Bulletin 22266 (August 27, 2009).

The Postal Service submits to the Commission the following conforming changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). The Postal Service believes that these changes should be incorporated by the Commission into the MCS.

Current Text:

Revised Text:

Bulk Mail Center

Network Distribution Center

BMC

NDC

Destination Bulk Mail Center

Destination Network Distribution Center

DBMC

DNDC

Origin Bulk Mail Center

OBMC

Return Bulk Mail Center

RBMC

Origin Network Distribution Center

ONDC

Return Network Distribution Center

RNDC

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