

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

SIX-DAY TO FIVE DAY STREET DELIVERY  
AND RELATED SERVICE CHANGES, 2010

Docket No. N2010-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF DOUGLAS CARLSON  
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS NERI  
(DFC/USPS-T4-9)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the following interrogatory of Douglas Carlson dated April 1, 2010: DFC/USPS-T4-9. The interrogatory has been redirected from witness Frank Neri (USPS-T-4) to the Postal Service for an institutional response. The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

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**DFC/USPS-T4-9**

Please describe distribution operations for each shape of outbound First-Class Mail International and Priority Mail International mail and how processing operations and delivery times may or may not be affected by the possible elimination of collection and processing of outgoing mail on Saturdays. In your response, please specify the facilities that process outgoing international mail and for how many days after the initial postmark date these facilities may still be handling the mail before it is tendered to a transportation company for its outbound journey from the United States.

**RESPONSE**

Outbound First-Class Mail International (FCMI) and Priority Mail International (PMI) that are inducted into the mailstream are generally processed in the local processing and distribution facility, sorted into a separate bin, and then transported to the designated International Service Center (ISC). From the designated ISC, such mail is further processed and transported to its foreign country of destination. Specific details for different shapes of FCMI and Priority Mail International are given below.

Since October 1, 2009, all originating international outbound FCMI letters and flats are currently transported to the New York JFK ISC, where they are processed and dispatched to all foreign destinations. For FCMI small parcels and rolls (SPRs), the New York JFK ISC, Miami ISC, Chicago ISC, and Los Angeles ISC receive, process and dispatch outbound international mail from their domestic service areas to foreign destinations. SPRs that are inducted within the San Francisco ISC service area are processed in the local facility and then sent to the Los Angeles ISC for processing and dispatch to their foreign destinations.

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For Priority Mail International, currently, mail inducted within the service area of the New York JFK ISC is processed within the local processing and distribution facility and then sent to the Kearny L&DC facility in New Jersey for final processing and dispatch to foreign destinations. PMI originating from the service areas of the other ISCs – Miami ISC, Chicago ISC, San Francisco ISC, and Los Angeles ISC – undergoes initial processing in the local P&DCs and then is transported to the appropriate ISC, where it is processed and dispatched to foreign destinations.

The impact of the elimination of collection and processing of outgoing mail on Saturdays depends, in part, upon changes in behavior by mailers in adapting to a five-day delivery environment. Mail deposited on Saturday will be collected on Monday. Upon receipt of international mail at the ISCs, mail will be processed as it is currently being processed.

For instance, if outbound international mail with an overnight standard from origin to ISC is inducted on Saturday in the domestic network or if outbound international mail is inducted within the overnight service area of the New York JFK ISC on Saturday, such mail would be collected and postmarked and processed on Monday rather than Saturday. It would then be transported and expected to be received by the ISC on early Tuesday rather than early Monday. At the ISC, it would undergo the same processing and dispatch times as it does currently – it would be expected to be processed and dispatched for international transport by Tuesday.

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On the other hand, mail with an overnight standard from origin to ISC that is inducted on Tuesday would not have a different expected date of international dispatch. As is currently the case, it would be collected and processed on Tuesday, would be expected to be received at the ISC early on Wednesday, and then would be processed and dispatched internationally on Wednesday.