

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Six-Day to Five-Day Street Delivery
and Related Service Changes

Docket No. N2010-1

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued April 28, 2010)

The Postal Service is requested to respond to the following questions to clarify the record on its request for an advisory opinion under 39 U.S.C. 3661(c) for the elimination of Saturday delivery, filed March 30, 2010. To facilitate inclusion of the required material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service is to have a witness attest to the accuracy of the answers and be prepared to explain, to the extent necessary, the basis for the answers at hearings. Responses should be provided no later than May 12, 2010.

1. The Postal Service's Management of Rural Delivery Services, at page 213, discusses delivery routes currently served by three delivery days per week. How will these routes be affected by a change to 5-day delivery? Please discuss. Is the number of such routes expected to change under your proposal?
2. If the Postal Service's plan for 5-day delivery to street addresses is adopted, and mail continues to be delivered to P.O. Boxes 6 days a week, does the Postal Service plan to expand the number of P.O. Boxes at locations with an insufficient number of boxes to meet customer demand? Please discuss.

3. The direct testimony of witness Neri (USPS-T-4) indicates that some street addressed mail will be dispatched to delivery units early on Saturdays to utilize existing transportation capabilities and advance work available to the carriers for the following Monday. USPS-T-4 at 9.
 - (a) Please explain how carriers will handle the two batches of DPS mail (one arriving on Saturday and one on Monday morning) that are available for delivery Mondays. For example, will the carriers case one of the DPS batches or carry an additional DPS bundle to the street?
 - (b) Please provide an estimate of any additional costs associated with this process.
 - (c) Please refer to the response to DBP/USPS-3 (April 28, 2010). Please explain the process by which carrier delivery mail that receives the first DPS pass on Saturday will be integrated with additional inbound mail on the next delivery day without incurring additional handling.

By the Chairman.

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