

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268B0001

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

Docket No. N2010-1

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO QUESTION 3 OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to Question 3 of Chairman's Information Request No. 2, dated April 28, 2010. Answers were sought no later than today. Each question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response. Responses to remaining questions will be filed as they become available.

The responses are sponsored by witnesses in this docket as follows:

Question 3 – Neri (USPS-T-4)

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**RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS NERI
TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2**

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.

RESPONSE:

- a. The plants will not be sending out multiple DPS products to the carriers for delivery on Monday. The only street-addressed mail that will be sent to Post Offices on Saturday is non-DPS mail (e.g., parcels).
- b. As stated above, multiple DPS products are not going to be sent to the Delivery Units. Therefore, there are no additional costs involved.
- c. On Friday night, all mail will receive a first pass of DPS. Mail addressed to a PO Box will be put into a single bin. All of the Friday night street-addressed mail will now have been sorted through first pass DPS. The sort program software will be modified so that mail arriving at the plant over the weekend will be sorted right behind Friday night's street-addressed mail. Once all of the first pass mail has been finalized, all of the mail will be sorted on second pass DPS. Therefore, the street-addressed mail that receives a first pass Friday night will not have to be re-processed again for Monday delivery.