

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. 9

(Issued August 18, 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 August 26, 2010.

The following question pertains to the direct testimony of witness Bradley (USPS-T-6).

1. Please provide FY 2009 start of year and end of year city carrier possible deliveries, route miles, and related square miles of territory covered by district. The data should match the districts for which FY 2009 DOIS hours and volume data were submitted in response to CHIR No. 8, question 4.

The following question pertains to the direct testimony of witness Elmore-Yalch (USPS-T-8)

2. Please refer to library reference USPS-LR-N2010-1/NP2 (revised July 14, 2010), file "Volume Revenue Contribution Change due to 5-day Delivery Revise" which

includes the calculations of the changes in volume associated with 5-day delivery.

Tab “Nat’l, Premier & Preferred” presents calculated mail volumes for National, Premier, and Preferred accounts by product for FY 2009. Tab “Small Business” presents calculated volumes for Small Businesses by product for FY 2009. Tab “Consumer” presents calculated volumes for consumers by product for FY 2009. The volumes in those tabs serve as the basis for calculating the expected change in volumes by product with 5-day delivery in FY 2009. However, the sum of the base volumes presented in those tabs is approximately 16 billion pieces higher than the sum of the official RPW volumes for FY 2009.

Please explain the discrepancy between those two figures. If revision to USPS-LR-N2010-1/NP2 is required to match the base volumes with official RPW volumes, please provide that revision.

3. Please refer to library reference USPS-LR-N2010-1/NP2 (revised July 14, 2010), files “USPS 5 Day - Consumer Data File and Forecast – 11-22-2009” and “USPS 5-Day Delivery - Business Data File and Forecasts_final.” The tabs “Consumer Forecast, National Forecast, Premier Forecast, Preferred Forecast, and Small Business Forecast” calculate an estimated “% Change Due to Switch to 5-Day (Adjusted)” using mean estimates based on raw data from other tabs in the same workbooks.

The percent change estimates are used as inputs for witness Whiteman’s spreadsheets that calculate the volume changes in response to a 5-day delivery environment.

Please calculate the 95 percent confidence intervals for all of the mean estimates that go into the consumer, National, Premier, Preferred, and Small Business “% Change Due to Switch to 5-Day (Adjusted)” estimates.

4. This question pertains to DOIS data filed by the Postal Service in response to CHIR No. 3, question 10, filed May 14, 2010, and CHIR No. 8, question 4, filed July 16, 2010. With respect to the first, in the EXCEL spreadsheet CHIR.3.Q.10.DOIS.Attach.xls, the daily system-level city carrier total hours and volumes for FY 2009 sum to 376,881,323 and 105,660,456,647, respectively. Separately, CHIR.8.Q.4.DOIS.DISTRICT.xls, filed in response to the second question, shows the same daily hours and volumes, disaggregated to the district level, summing to 372,471,720 and 104,242,593,163, respectively, for all days and districts. Please explain this difference and provide revised responses to both questions, as necessary, with the data appropriately reconciled.
5. The following tables contain DOIS Street and Office Hours for FYs 2006 to 2008. The source of the column labeled “Granholm” is the responses of the Postal Service to questions from the bench at the hearing for witness Granholm, file “Response 1.xls,” filed July 26, 2010. The source of the column labeled “R2009-3” is the file CHIR.1.Q3.SPLY DOIS Comparison.xls,” filed July 15, 2010.

<u>FY06 DOIS OFFICE HOURS</u>				<u>FY07 DOIS OFFICE HOURS</u>				<u>FY08 DOIS OFFICE HOURS</u>			
	Granholm	R2009-3	Percent Difference		Granholm	R2009-3	Percent Difference		Granholm	R2009-3	Percent Difference
October	11,866,018	11,624,262	2.04%	October	11,837,961	11,533,035	2.58%	October	10,976,961	10,663,004	2.86%
November	12,002,897	11,769,949	1.94%	November	12,093,366	11,789,952	2.51%	November	10,795,379	10,481,120	2.91%
December	11,623,333	10,385,998	10.65%	December	11,097,066	10,738,395	3.23%	December	10,244,277	9,853,726	3.81%
January	10,921,022	10,649,286	2.49%	January	10,889,896	10,598,561	2.68%	January	10,080,965	9,714,883	3.63%
February	9,999,058	9,747,604	2.51%	February	9,865,016	9,588,952	2.80%	February	9,405,266	9,050,822	3.77%
March	11,704,574	11,404,604	2.56%	March	11,417,020	11,091,421	2.85%	March	9,998,395	9,614,848	3.84%
April	10,808,951	10,529,305	2.59%	April	10,556,650	10,242,129	2.98%	April	9,764,789	9,376,293	3.98%
May	11,364,174	11,057,202	2.70%	May	10,708,064	10,402,734	2.85%	May	9,594,288	9,219,413	3.91%
June	10,690,408	10,385,998	2.85%	June	9,785,774	9,484,105	3.08%	June	8,665,571	8,310,218	4.10%
July	10,434,412	10,163,835	2.59%	July	9,547,312	9,267,272	2.93%	July	8,991,973	8,643,438	3.88%
August	11,247,034	10,941,999	2.71%	August	10,340,634	10,027,552	3.03%	August	9,096,057	8,745,312	3.86%
September	11,139,045	10,846,464	2.63%	September	9,785,098	9,512,582	2.79%	September	9,333,325	9,002,520	3.54%

<u>FY06 DOIS STREET HOURS</u>				<u>FY07 DOIS STREET HOURS</u>				<u>FY08 DOIS STREET HOURS</u>			
	Granholm	R2009-3	Percent Difference		Granholm	R2009-3	Percent Difference		Granholm	R2009-3	Percent Difference
October	23,090,279	22,002,017	4.71%	October	23,504,738	22,376,964	4.80%	October	24,452,583	23,328,956	4.60%
November	22,555,885	21,471,165	4.81%	November	22,796,658	21,684,608	4.88%	November	22,735,415	21,674,327	4.67%
December	25,186,117	20,678,989	17.90%	December	24,195,521	22,704,517	6.16%	December	24,443,132	23,003,546	5.89%
January	22,559,741	21,461,344	4.87%	January	22,939,277	21,784,303	5.03%	January	23,795,789	22,665,028	4.75%
February	21,383,558	20,365,105	4.76%	February	21,720,984	20,678,989	4.80%	February	22,755,627	21,689,852	4.68%
March	24,925,930	23,770,645	4.63%	March	25,097,649	23,938,314	4.62%	March	24,254,458	23,151,985	4.55%
April	23,004,928	21,954,309	4.57%	April	23,222,718	22,141,054	4.66%	April	24,192,164	23,095,077	4.53%
May	24,154,373	23,028,530	4.66%	May	24,269,066	23,142,992	4.64%	May	24,109,139	23,034,991	4.46%
June	23,842,613	22,750,712	4.58%	June	23,910,060	22,843,142	4.46%	June	22,970,598	21,950,186	4.44%
July	22,932,598	21,898,158	4.51%	July	23,046,445	22,011,818	4.49%	July	23,798,663	22,750,231	4.41%
August	24,847,133	23,724,545	4.52%	August	24,901,518	23,796,052	4.44%	August	23,748,437	22,717,820	4.34%
September	23,170,173	22,093,619	4.65%	September	22,298,378	21,293,100	4.51%	September	23,101,877	22,065,763	4.48%

- a. Please explain the discrepancy between the DOIS Street hours and Office Hours from the source "Granholm" and the source "R2009-3" for FYs 2006 to 2008.
- b. In the file "Response 1.xls," November 6, 2006 and November 21, 2007 have a delivered volume of over 1 billion pieces.
 - i. Please confirm the total volume recorded for those days is accurate.

- ii. Please provide the volume of the following categories on those days: Cased Letters, Cased Flats, Sequenced Mail, FSS, DPS, and Packages.

By the Chairman.

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