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Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 15

(March 9, 1998)

The Postal Service is requested to provide the information described below to assist in developing a record for the consideration of its request for changes in rates and fees. In order to facilitate inclusion of the requested 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 our hearings. The answers are to be provided by Friday, March 13th.

1. Please refer to USPS LR-H-77, Part I at page 3, and to Appendix One of the Partial Response of the USPS to ANM/USPS-1-17, as Directed by Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R97-1/69.

Please provide the calculations, using the formulae shown in Appendix One, which develop the Base Year mail processing piggyback costs for segment 11 cleaning and protection costs shown in LR-H-77, Part I, page 3 at column 14. Show the derivation and calculation of all variables used in the formula shown in Appendix One.

2. Attachment one is a table showing the TYBR segment 11 cleaning and protection piggyback costs from LR-H-77, by class of mail. The sum total of these costs are compared to the cleaning and protection costs from witness Patelunas Workpaper E, Table C at 9-10.

	Segment 11 Cleaning & Protection piggyback costs from LR-H-77						Total TYBR Seg. 11 Clean.&		
	MP (1)	WS (2)	CDC (3)	VSD (4)	SDM (5)	RC (6)	TOTAL (7)	Prot. Costs (8)	Difference (9)
1-LETTERS&PARCELS	120,954	14,113	17,041	195	7	2,519	154,829	157,964	3,135
-PRESORT LET&PAR	31,945	656	8,600	125	3	2,368	43,697	46,157	2,460
-PRIVATE CARDS	2,741	929	817	1	-	168	4,656	4,972	316
-PRESORT PRI CDS	1,137	28	392	-	-	122	1,679	1,805	126
PRIORITY	24,821	1,421	1,486	143	14	131	28,016	26,714	(1,302)
EXPRESS	4,535	739	297	9	589	45	6,214	6,070	(144)
MAILGRAM	1	-	2	-	-	-	3	4	1
2-IN COUNTY	477	14	242	15	-	119	867	898	31
-REGULAR RATE	15,909	64	2,271	205	-	940	19,389	19,024	(365)
-NONPROFIT	2,597	6	585	40	-	286	3,514	3,543	29
-CLASSROOM	162	-	16	1	-	7	186	180	(6)
3-SINGLE PIECE	2,819	78	307	3	-	11	3,218	3,118	(100)
-BRR CAR PRESORT	10,475	181	7,872	266	-	2,439	21,233	22,690	1,457
-BRR OTHER	53,225	720	8,458	263	-	2,932	65,598	65,283	(315)
-BRNP CAR PRESORT	1,082	28	498	13	-	125	1,746	1,817	71
-BRNP OTHER	10,885	250	1,861	43	-	644	13,683	13,737	54
4-ZONE RATE PARCELS	9,656	196	549	179	-	94	10,674	9,967	(707)
-BND PRNTD MATTER	3,900	20	681	94	-	96	4,791	4,604	(187)
-SPECIAL RATE	3,809	97	337	34	-	46	4,323	4,066	(257)
-LIBRARY RATE	770	3	54	4	-	11	842	785	(57)
USPS PENALTY	2,065	338	111	7	-	11	2,532	2,531	(1)
FREE FOR BLIND	471	6	35	3	-	6	521	490	(31)
INTERNATIONAL MAIL	5,860	665	248	37	94	22	6,926	7,072	146
SS-REGISTRY	4,748	269	62	-	-	17	5,096	4,526	(570)
-CERTIFIED	2,165	1,218	1,033	-	-	513	4,929	5,014	85
-INSURANCE	61	363	28	-	-	25	477	496	19
-COD	156	82	22	-	-	26	286	287	1
-SPECIAL DEL	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
-MONEY ORDERS	-	2,534	-	-	-	12	2,546	2,677	131
-STAMPED ENVLPS	-	32	-	-	-	-	32	35	3
-SPECIAL HNDLG	18	16	-	-	-	-	34	32	(2)
-LOCK&CALL BOX	-	1,850	3	-	-	-	1,853	70,977	69,124
-OTHER	2,781	187	82	-	-	-	3,050	2,968	(82)
TOTAL ATTRIBUTABLE	320,225	27,103	53,991	1,680	707	13,735	417,441	490,504	73,063

Sources:

All Segment 11 Cleaning & Protection piggyback costs from USPS LR-H-77:

Col. 1 MP: Col. 14, P. 43

Col. 2 WS: Page 63

Col. 3 CDC: Page 82

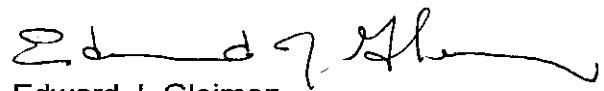
Col. 4 VSD: Page 105

Col. 5 SDM: Page 121

Col. 6 RC: Page 140

USPS-T-15, Col. 8-Col. 7
W/P E, Table C
Page 9-10

Please explain how the sum total of the piggyback cleaning and protection costs from LR-H-77 for some subclasses of mail can be greater than the total cleaning and protection costs estimated by the roll forward model for those subclasses of mail.

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Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer

Attachment