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Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 16

(March 9, 1998)

The United Parcel 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 United Parcel 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 within seven (7) days.

1. In UPS LR-8 and LR-8 Replacement, the SAS program MOD1DIR creates the data file CONTEMP at line 1151 in the log and stores the file in the subdirectory c:\iocsPOIR\mod1dir. The log "NOTE" reports that the data file CONTEMP has 6,261 observations.


According to the logs in the library references, the file CONTEMP is not used again until the SAS program MOD3CONT uses it at line 1730 of the log to make changes in variable definitions and assign the name MIX to the resulting file. In this instance the file CONTEMP is accessed from the subdirectory c:\iocscases3\mod1dir. The NOTE following the operation reports that there are 6,478 observations in the file MIX.

Please confirm that the file CONTEMP as used at line 1730 in the program MOD3CONT should be the same file that is created at line 1151 in the program MOD1DIR and MIX should have 6,261 observations.

If confirmed, please run the programs MOD1DIR through MOD4DIST and submit the output, logs and revised programs.

If not confirmed, please explain why MIX has 6,478 observations and identify the SAS operations that created the file CONTEMP in the subdirectory c:\iocscases3\mod1dir.

2. In response to POIR Number 11, the total Segment 3 costs reported is \$16,456,634 thousand (UPS witness Sellick, Workpaper 2-A, BSE100.XLL, CS 3 Sheet, page 3) which exceeds the Postal Service Segment 3 costs of \$16,456,099 thousand (USPS-T5A at 2) by \$535 thousand. Please explain why the total Segment 3 costs do not match and identify changes that need to be made to eliminate the difference.


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Presiding Officer