

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

TEMPORARY WAIVERS FROM PERIODIC
REPORTING OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE
MEASUREMENT

Docket No. RM2011-1

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL PARTIAL
WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER**
(November 24, 2010)

On October 1, 2010, the Postal Service requested a temporary waiver from quarterly service performance reporting for First-Class Mail Flats at the district level, pursuant to Order No. 465.¹ In that request, the Postal Service represented that it was developing plans to expand the measurement of First-Class Mail Flats, with reporting expected as early as Quarter 2 of FY2011. On November 12, 2010, the Postal Service filed a response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1 regarding the temporary waivers request. In that response, the Postal Service advised that "[a]t this time, it does not appear that the necessary contract modifications will be in place in time to allow reporting on that schedule. It is currently unclear when the modifications will be finalized and reporting will begin for this category."²

Yesterday, the Postal Service submitted a request for a semi-permanent exception or, in the alternative, a petition for a rulemaking, due to the imbalance of cost to benefit in measuring district-level First-Class Mail Flats performance on a quarterly

¹ United States Postal Service Response Request for Temporary Waivers from Periodic Reporting of Service Performance Measurement (hereinafter "USPS Waivers Request"), Docket No. RM2011-1, October 1, 2010, at 3-4.

² Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, Docket No. RM2011-1, November 12, 2010, at 3.

basis.³ Because this new proceeding could render moot the need for a temporary waiver, the Postal Service hereby withdraws its request for a temporary waiver of quarterly, district-level service performance reporting with respect to First-Class Mail Flats. This withdrawal is provisional, pending the outcome of Docket No. RM2011-4, and the Postal Service reserves the right to renew its temporary waiver request in the event that the Commission denies the relief requested in Docket No. RM2011-4.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ United States Postal Service Request for Semi-Permanent Exception from Periodic Reporting of Service Performance Measurement or, in the Alternative, Petition for Rulemaking Concerning 39 C.F.R. § 3055.45(a), Docket No. RM2011-4, November 23, 2010.