

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

TEMPORARY WAIVERS FROM PERIODIC REPORTING
OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

Docket No. RM2011-1

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE IN
RESPONSE TO INFORMAL QUESTIONS REGARDING STANDARD MAIL
IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES POSED AT TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**
(December 2, 2010)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides supplemental information in response to an informal request for a timeline of milestones that will enable Standard Mail product-level measurement. The request was posed at the November 17, 2010, technical conference in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response of United States Postal Service to Request for Additional Information Related to Standard Mail Implementation Milestones from Technical Conference on November 17, 2010

At the November 17, 2010, technical conference, the Postal Service was asked to provide a timeline of technical milestones toward enabling the capture of product-level information for Standard Mail items, which in turn would eventually allow product-level service performance measurement and reporting of these items.

A timeline of planned milestones is provided below. As explained at the conference and in the Postal Service's initial Request in this proceeding, these milestones only indicate the portion of the implementation process within the Postal Service's control: namely, the development of technical functionality that mailers can use to provide product-level data. Even after the Postal Service has completed these implementation tasks, the generation of sufficiently reliable data for reporting depends on the pace at which the mailing industry actually provides such data.

Release notes for such milestones are routinely published on the Postal Service's Rapid Information Bulletin Board System (RIBBS®). The January 2, 2011, release notes are available at

http://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_guides/documents/tech_guides/postalone_releasenotes/Release26.pdf. The May 8, 2011, release notes are not yet available.

Date	Technical Milestone
January 2, 2011	Capability for Product level breakout reporting to be implemented for Standard Mail for Mail.XML pieces and Mail.XML piece ranges. Note: Capability to support Product level breakout reporting for Standard Mail - Mail.dat pieces has been in place since May 2010.
May 8, 2011	Capability for Product level breakout reporting to be implemented for Standard Mail for Mail.dat piece ranges.
TBD	Capability for Product level breakout reporting for Standard Mail for Postal Wizard piece ranges is not currently planned for implementation.