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Mail Processing Network
Rationalization Service Changes, 2012

Docket No. N2012-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 3

(Issued January 13, 2012)

The Postal Service is requested to respond to the following question to clarify the record on its request for an advisory opinion under 39 U.S.C. 3661(c) regarding the Mail Processing Network Rationalization Service Changes, 2012 (MPNR).¹ In order to facilitate inclusion of the requested material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service shall 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 the hearings.² Responses shall be provided no later than January 24, 2012.

The following question(s) are directed to witness David E. Williams (USPS-T-1).

1. These questions assume that 0.9 ounce single-piece First-Class Mail letters (with proper postage, addressing, and First-Class Mail letter characteristics) are dropped into a United States Postal Service blue collection box located in Wethersfield, CT 06109 on specific dates (prior to the final collection time posted on the collection box for that day's mail) for delivery to residential single-family

¹ Request of the United States Postal Service for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, December 5, 2012 (Request).

² The Postal Service may redirect questions as necessary to provide a complete response, including the provision of institutional responses if necessary.

homes in several locations within the United States. The recipients' addresses are residential single-family homes located in Hartford, CT 06106, Columbia, MD 21045, Venice, CA 90291, and Honolulu, HI 96813. The questions assumes that the delivery period will correspond with the service standard, *i.e.*, if the service standard is three days the mail will be delivered the third day (as defined by the Postal Service's business rules) after being dropped into the collection box, and not a day later or a day earlier.

The table below may be used to provide an answer with each of the following scenarios. Note that February 20, 2012, is a federal holiday with no residential mail delivery.

Date mail dropped into United States Postal Service blue collection box located in Wethersfield, CT 06109	Dates of final delivery			
	Hartford, CT 06106	Columbia, MD 21045	Venice, CA 90291	Honolulu, HI 96813
Thursday, February 9, 2012				
Friday, February 10, 2012				
Saturday, February 11, 2012				
Sunday, February 12, 2012				
Monday, February 13, 2012				
Tuesday, February 14, 2012				
Wednesday, February 15, 2012				
Thursday, February 16, 2012				
Friday, February 17, 2012				
Saturday, February 18, 2012				
Sunday, February 19, 2012				
Monday, February 20, 2012 (federal holiday)				
Tuesday, February 21, 2012				
Wednesday, February 22, 2012				

- a. For mail dropped into a collection box in Wethersfield, CT 06019 on the dates specified, what will be the dates of delivery to each recipient under current service standards?
- b. Assume that the Postal Service has instituted the proposals presented in Docket No. N2012-1, Mail Processing Network Rationalization Service Changes, 2012, and revised service

standards as necessary to give full effect to the proposals contained therein. Assume that the proposals described within Docket No. N2010-1, Six-Day to Five-Day Street Delivery and Related Service Changes, have not been instituted. For mail dropped into a collection box in Wethersfield, CT 06019 on the dates specified, what will be the dates of delivery to each recipient under revised service standards?

- c. Assume that the Postal Service has instituted the proposals presented in Docket No. N2010-1, Six-Day to Five-Day Street Delivery and Related Service Changes, and revised service standards as necessary to give full effect to the proposals contained therein. Assume that the proposals described within Docket No. N2012-1, Mail Processing Network Rationalization Service Changes, 2012, have not been instituted. For mail dropped into a collection box in Wethersfield, CT 06019 on the dates specified, what will be the dates of delivery to each recipient under revised service standards?
- d. Assume that the Postal Service has instituted both (1) the proposals presented in Docket No. N2010-1, Six-Day to Five-Day Street Delivery and Related Service Changes, and (2) the proposals presented in Docket No. N2012-1, Mail Processing Network Rationalization Service Changes, 2012 and revised service standards as necessary to give full effect to the proposals

contained therein. For mail dropped into a collection box in Wethersfield, CT 06019 on the dates specified, what will be the dates of delivery to each recipient under revised service standards?

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