

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

DSCF STANDARD MAIL LOAD LEVELING

Docket No. N2014-1

**REVISED RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNES MALONE
TO QUESTION 7 OF PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1
[ERRATA]**

(February 7, 2014)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides a revised response to Question 7 of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 1. The original response filed on February 3, 2014, only provided an answer to part (b) of Question 7. The revised response now includes a partial response to part (a), which will be updated later when further information becomes available. The original response to part (b) is unchanged.

Question 7 is stated verbatim and is followed by the revised response. The revised response filed today supersedes the original response filed on February 3rd.

Respectfully submitted,

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7. In the Postal Service response to PR/USPS-T2-3, Attachment at A-1, "Political Mail" is identified in the Delta column of the Load Leveling Plus & Delta Chart.
 - a. What percentage of DSCF entered Standard Mail is time-sensitive political mail?
 - b. Please describe how the Postal Service intends to treat such mail under the proposed Load Leveling Plan?

RESPONSE

- a. I am informed that data extracted from mailing statements for the month of October 2012 indicate that 18.3 percent of DSCF Standard Mail accepted that month was "Political Mail." The month before a Presidential election should not be regarded as representative for the year. The Postal Service is extracting data for each month of Fiscal Year 2013 with the intent of compiling an aggregate FY estimate.
- b. The Postal Service's treatment of "Political Mail" is summarized in the attached document. As a matter of policy, DSCF Standard "Political Mail" is subject to the same service standard as other DSCF Standard Mail and shares the same level of priority in dispatch and handling as other DSCF Standard Mail relative to products such as Priority Mail, First-Class Mail and Periodicals. Implementation of the Load Leveling Plan is not intended to change the treatment of DSCF Standard "Political Mail" or those relative relationships.