

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

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RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
QUESTIONS 1-3 OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 8

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the above-listed questions of Chairman's Information Request No. 8, issued on February 20, 2014. Each question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. USPS-FY13-NP18 Preface.pdf (at 1) states that the SAS processing for FY 2013 was carried out using PC SAS rather than a mainframe environment, and "The use of PC SAS requires minor modifications to inequality statements in some SAS modules to accommodate different character set ordering between the PC ASCII and IBM mainframe character sets."

(a) In each SAS program provided in the 'USPS-FY13-NP18/Programs' folders, please indicate where the FY 2013 SAS code was modified.

(b) The 'USPS-FY13-NP18/Programs/% include folder' includes the 'DefineLibnames.sas' file with three references to libraries not directly referenced as such in the FY 2012 SAS program steps. Please confirm that these three library name references ('CONT', 'SPAC', 'SPAC1') are not needed/or used in the SAS programming steps provided in the 'USPS-FY13-NP18/Programs' folder.

**RESPONSE:**

- a) In each SAS program where the SAS code required a modification for differences between PC SAS and a mainframe version, a comment line stating 'PC SAS' was included. The corresponding line of code for the mainframe version was retained as a comment line for comparison. The SAS programs that required this modification are listed below as well as the portion of changed code. No other SAS programs in USPS-FY13-NP18 required modification.

MOD1DIR.sas

```
IF SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)='2' THEN OUTPUT ADW.MODS; * PC SAS ;
*IF '2'<=SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)<=':' THEN OUTPUT ADW.MODS; * PC
SAS ;
* IF SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)>='2' THEN OUTPUT ADW.MODS; *
MAINFRAME;
```

MOD4DIST.sas (2 occurrences)

```
DATA KEYS ;
SET POOLED
OUT1.ITEMFILL
OUT1.ITEMFIL1
OUT1.ITEMFIL2
OUT1.CONTFILL
```

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```
OUT1.PALL2FIL ;  
* IF SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)>='2' THEN DELETE ; * Mainframe ;  
  IF '2'<=SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)<=':' THEN DELETE ; * PC SAS ;
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DATA HANDL;  
SET POOLALL  
OUT1.ITEMFILL  
OUT1.ITEMFIL1  
OUT1.ITEMFIL2  
OUT1.CONTFILL  
OUT1.PALL2FIL ;  
* IF SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)>='2' THEN DELETE ; * Mainframe ;  
  IF '2'<=SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)<=':' THEN DELETE ; * PC SAS ;
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BMC4DIST.sas

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IF '0'<=SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)<':' THEN DELETE ; * PC SAS ;  
* IF SUBSTR(POOL,1,1)>='0' THEN DELETE ; * Mainframe ;
```

b) Confirmed.

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2. There have been a number of changes in the facilities sampled (MODS and NDCs) for the IOCS and the number of employees sampled between FY 2010 and FY 2013. Please provide a crosswalk of the IOCS finance numbers (contained in the IOCS data field 'f2') to the MODS finance numbers for both FY 2010 and FY 2013 in an EXCEL file format such that the IOCS facilities' finance number can be directly linked to the MODS finance numbers.

**RESPONSE:**

An Excel file providing the requested finance number crosswalks for FY2013 and FY2010 is provided under seal in nonpublic folder USPS-FY13-NP38.

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3. Library Reference USPS-FY12-NP27 includes estimated revenues and costs for the Nonpostal Philatelic products. The FY 2013 revenues for Philatelic products are \$9.257 million under the current methodology and \$25.266 million under proposal six in Docket No. RM2014-1. Please confirm that the difference between the revenues reported under the current methodology and the proposed methodology represents the amount of Philatelic sales from Postal Service retail outlets. If not confirmed, please explain the difference in revenues between the two methodologies

**RESPONSE:**

Confirmed. (Note that although these figures appear, as cited in the question, in nonpublic folder USPS-FY13-NP27, because the product is Market Dominant, these same figures were also publicly provided on page 54 of the text of the Annual Compliance Report.)