

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Notice of Market-Dominant
Price Adjustment

Docket No. R2015-4

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 17

(Issued April 22, 2015)

To clarify the issues raised in the Response of the United States Postal Service to Order No. 2398 in Docket No. R2015-4,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following requests. Answers to the requests should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than April 24, 2015.

First-Class Mail

1. In its response to Order No. 2398, the Postal Service stated that it intends to implement the Earned Value promotion, effective May 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015. Response to Order No. 2398 at 3. It also stated that it plans to implement all other prices for First-Class Mail on May 31, 2015. *Id.* Please also refer to Library Reference PRC-LR-R2015-4/1, CAPCALC-FCM-R2015-4 PRC.xlsx, which shows the Commission's price cap calculations for First-Class Mail.
 - a. Please confirm that the promotion will be in effect for 2 months after the Docket No. R2015-4 prices for First-Class Mail are implemented compared with 3 months in the Postal Service's original filing. If not confirmed, please explain.

¹ Response of the United States Postal Service to Order No. 2398, April 16, 2015 (Response to Order No. 2398).

- b. Please confirm that to reflect the time period the promotion will be in effect after the Docket No. R2015-4 prices for First-Class Mail are implemented, the volumes in workbook tab "Earned Value Promotion," Cells C29 to C42 should be reduced by one third as follows:

Cell	Original	Revised
(a)	(b)	(c)=(b) * (2/3)
C29	4,845	3,230
C31	12,151	8,100
C32	42,289	28,193
C33	34,910	23,273
C34	130,818	87,212
C37	921	614
C39	1,087	725
C40	1,363	909
C41	4,001	2,667
C42	5,668	3,778

If not confirmed, please explain.

- c. Please confirm that the New CPI Authority Used and Unused New Authority for First-Class Mail are 1.965 percent and 0.001 percent, respectively. If not confirmed, please explain.

Standard Mail

2. In its response to Order No. 2398, the Postal Service states that it intends to implement the Earned Value promotion, effective May 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015. Response to Order No. 2398 at 3.
- a. Please confirm that the Postal Service does not intend to implement the Earned Value Mail Reply promotion for Standard Mail until Standard Mail rates and classification changes are approved by the Commission. If not confirmed, please explain the legal basis for implementing the Earned Value Mail Reply promotion for Standard Mail before Standard Mail rates and classification changes are approved by the Commission.

- b. If the answer to subpart a is confirmed, please file revised MCS language for Standard Mail reflecting the corrected date range for the Earned Value promotion.
- c. Please confirm that the New CPI Authority Used and Unused New Authority for Standard Mail are 1.942 percent and 0.024 percent, respectively, assuming the promotion is in effect for 2 months under the planned Standard Mail prices for Docket No. R2015-4. If not confirmed, please explain.

By the Acting Chairman.

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