

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

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Docket No. ACR2014

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
QUESTION 4 OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 17

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the above-listed question of Chairman's Information Request No. 17, issued on May 11, 2015. The question is stated verbatim and followed by the response. The responses to Questions 1-3 and 5 were filed on May 15, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. The Postal Service states that in FY 2014 there were 116,633 new centralized business delivery points and 1,414,233 new centralized residential delivery points.<sup>1</sup> The FY 2014 Annual Report shows an end of FY 2014 total of 971,543 new delivery points. FY 2014 Annual Report at 45. The "ChIR5.Q7.DPH FY15" Excel file shows an increase of 846,701 new delivery points in FY 2014.<sup>2</sup> Please resolve or explain why the FY 2014 new centralized delivery point totals provided in the March 19 Responses to CHIR No. 13, question 15 (c) differ significantly from the new delivery point totals reported in these two sources.

**RESPONSE:**

Upon re-examination, the figures (116,633 and 1,414,223) shown in the March 19 Response to Question 15.c of ChIR No. 13 must have been the result of some miscommunication in the response preparation process. Reviewing the entire set of earlier communications suggests that the intended response to question 15.c would instead have identified 751,029 new residential and 61,624 new business CBU/centralized delivery points in FY2014. Recalling that the net increase in total delivery points shown in the FY2014 Annual Report reflects, *inter alia*, the net decline in the number of Post Office boxes, these updated figures for CBU/centralized no longer appear to differ significantly or constitute a logical inconsistency with the Annual Report number. (The variance between the Annual Report figure cited in the question and the DPH calculation figure cited in the question was already explained in the March 11 response to Question 33 of ChIR No. 13.)

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<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service Responses to Questions 8,11, and 15-19 of Chairman's Information Request No. 13, March 19, 2015, question 15 (c) (March 19 Responses to CHIR No. 13).

<sup>2</sup> Responses to CHIR No. 5, question 7 in the "ChIR5.Q7.DPHFY15" Excel file, worksheet "FY 15 DPH Summary", cell C11 provided with its response.