

# BOUND PRINTED MATTER TRANSPORTATION COST MODEL AND BULK PARCEL RETURN SERVICE COST MODEL

## I. PREFACE

### A. Purpose and Content

USPS-FY15-16 documents the Bound Printed Matter transportation cost estimates and the Bulk Parcel Return Service cost estimates.

### B. Predecessor Document

The predecessor model for Bound Printed Matter was presented in Docket No. ACR2014, USPS-FY14-16.

The predecessor model for Bulk Parcel Return Service was presented in Docket No. ACR2014, USPS-FY14-16.

### C. Corresponding Non-Public or Public Document

There is no non-public document that corresponds to USPS-FY15-16.

### D. Methodology

The Bound Printed Matter transportation cost model relies on the same methodology presented in Docket No. ACR2014, USPS-FY14-16. The Bulk Parcel Return Service cost model relies on the same methodology presented in Docket No. ACR2014, USPS-FY14-16.

### E. Inputs / Outputs

The Bound Printed Matter transportation cost estimates are calculated using the following inputs:

<u>Input Source</u>	<u>Input Description</u>
USPS-FY15-1	Bound Printed Matter pounds
USPS-FY15-24	Cost Segment 8 piggyback factor
USPS-FY15-32	Cost Segment 8 and 14 data Zone related percentages
USPS-FY15-36	Bound Printed Matter mail piece density

Docket No. R2000-1,  
USPS-T-26, Attachment N

Percent of Intra-SCF highway and POV costs  
avoided by DDU parcels

Docket No. R2000-1,  
USPS-T-27, Attachment K

Average zone hauled

Docket No. R2000-1,  
USPS-LR-I-109

Entry profile data  
Zone distribution percentages

The Bound Printed Matter transportation cost estimates are relied upon to develop the discounts and passthrough values contained in USPS-FY15-3.

The Bulk Parcel Return Service cost estimates are calculated using the following inputs:

<u>Input Source</u>	<u>Input Description</u>
USPS-FY15-7	Volume variability factors Premium pay factors Wage rates
USPS-FY15-13	Transportation cost per pound estimates
USPS-FY15-15	Media Mail – Library Mail cost model results
USPS-FY15-23	MODS productivity data
USPS-FY15-25	Operations specific piggyback factors
USPS-FY08-15	Parcel processing assumptions
Docket No. R2001-1, USPS-LR-J-64	Parcel processing assumptions BPRS mailer data
Docket No. R2000-1, USPS-T-11	Base year CRA data
Docket No. R2000-1, USPS-T-21, Attachment 13	Base year piggyback factors
Docket No. R2000-1, USPS-T-26	1998 BPRS cubic feet per piece Transportation percentages
Docket No. R2000-1, USPS-LR-I-11	Base year wage rates

Docket No. R97-1, USPS-LR-H-131	Arrival profile
Docket No. R97-1, USPS-LR-H-132	Productivity data Dispatch profile
Docket No. R97-1, USPS-LR-H-133	Container dimension data
Docket No. R84-1, Exhibit USPS-T-141	Pieces per container data
1982 CRA	1982 Special Standard cubic feet per piece

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## II. ORGANIZATION

The Bound Printed Matter aggregate, flats, and parcels transportation cost estimates have been consolidated and are now presented in the Microsoft Excel workbook 'USPS-FY15-16.BPM.xlsx' in the 'Cost-Sum' spreadsheet tabs on pages 1, 8 and 15, respectively. Data sources are referenced in each spreadsheet throughout the workbook. The results are also reported in Table 1 below.

**Table 1:  
Bound Printed Matter Transportation Cost Estimates**

<b>Cost Element</b>	<b>Total Cost Per Pound</b>	<b>Flats Cost Per Pound</b>	<b>Parcels Cost Per Pound</b>
<b>DMBC</b>			
Zone 1 and 2	\$0.0417	\$0.0534	\$0.0330
Zone 3	\$0.0710	\$0.0899	\$0.0570
Zone 4	\$0.0936	\$0.1179	\$0.0755
Zone 5	\$0.1776	\$0.2224	\$0.1443
<b>DSCF</b>	\$0.0309	\$0.0399	\$0.0241
<b>DDU</b>	\$0.0051	\$0.0066	\$0.0040
<b>Non-Dropship</b>			
Zone 1 and 2	\$0.0913	\$0.1146	\$0.0740
Zone 3	\$0.0988	\$0.1236	\$0.0804
Zone 4	\$0.1080	\$0.1347	\$0.0882
Zone 5	\$0.1230	\$0.1528	\$0.1009
Zone 6	\$0.1386	\$0.1715	\$0.1141
Zone 7	\$0.1562	\$0.1926	\$0.1291
Zone 8	\$0.1908	\$0.2343	\$0.1585

The Bulk Parcel Return Service cost estimates are presented in the Microsoft Excel workbook 'USPS-FY15-16.BPRS.xlsx' in the 'Cost-Sum' spreadsheet tab on page 22. Data sources are referenced throughout the workbook. The results are also reported in Table 2 below.

**Table 2:  
Bulk Parcel Return Service Cost Estimates**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Unit Costs</b>
Collection	\$0.045
Mail Processing	\$2.344
Transportation	\$0.841
Delivery	\$0.078
Postage Due	\$0.069
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$3.376</b>