

USPS-FY15-4

DOMESTIC MARKET DOMINANT BILLING DETERMINANTS

NOTE: Revisions of March 25, 2016 are explained at the end of this document in **bold**.

I. PREFACE

A. Purpose and Content

USPS-FY15-4 contains the U.S. Postal Service billing determinants for domestic market dominant products for FY 2015. Billing determinants provide specific information regarding revenue and volume of postal products and services. It consists of a CD ROM containing the electronic version, and several printouts containing the hard copy version of the billing determinants.

B. Predecessor Document

Domestic Billing Determinants for FY 2014 were filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission as USPS-FY14-4.

C. Methodology

The methodologies used to produce the FY 2015 Billing Determinants follow the methodologies used in the FY 2014 and earlier versions of the billing determinants.

D. Input/Output

USPS-FY15-4 is used to develop workshare and other cost information contained in USPS-FY15-10, USPS-FY15-11, USPS-FY15-12, USPS-FY15-13, USPS-FY15-15, USPS-FY15-16, USPS-FY15-17, USPS-FY15-18, USPS-FY15-19.

II. ORGANIZATION

USPS-FY15-4 consists of this Preface and a zip file. The zip file includes seven Excel workbooks containing FY 2015 billing determinants for market dominant products, plus a Sub Folder labelled as "Supplemental Data". The following list indicates the contents of each of the seven Excel workbooks.

FY 2015 BPM.xlsx – Bound Printed Matter Billing Determinants
FY 2015 FCM.xlsx – First-Class Mail Billing Determinants
FY 2015 Media/Library Mail.xlsx – Media/Library Billing Determinants

FY 2015 Periodicals.xlsx – Periodicals Billing Determinants
FY 2015 Special Services and Free Blind.xlsx – Special Services Billing Determinants
FY 2015 Standard Mail.xlsx – Standard Mail Billing Determinants
FY 2015 Alaska Bypass.xlsx – Alaska Bypass Billing Determinants

Sub Folder “Supplemental Data” contains the quarterly billing determinants for those classes that have not historically included that level of detail.

Revisions of 3/25/2016:

Revisions are made only to some of the billing determinant files, with only the revised files included on the new disk, and in that sense, the new disk provided is a supplemental disk. As noted above, however, the original set of files included a subfolder called “Supplemental,” and some of the revised versions include files which were originally submitted in the “Supplemental” subfolder. For consistency, those revised files are again found in the “Supplemental” subfolder in the zip file on the new disk. Other revised files are found outside of the “Supplemental” subfolder in the zip file on the new disk. New hard copy pages are provided only for the pages with revisions within files outside the “Supplemental” subfolder. (Hard copy pages were not provided for the original files in the “Supplemental” subfolder.)

The only changes in the revised First-Class Mail billing determinants are in Tab: A-11 Move Update Adjustment. The volume data for Assessed Pieces has been revised and other minor mistakes were corrected. All of the cells that were revised have been highlighted in yellow. The A-11 tab is also highlighted in yellow.

The changes in the revised Standard Mail files also primarily involve the Move Update Adjustment. In each file, the tabs with revised cells are highlighted in yellow, as are the revised cells. In addition to the Move Update changes, revisions were made in the Quarter 4 file (Q4FY2015) to Picture Permit Imprint cells in the same summary tabs containing Move Update revisions, with the changed Picture Permit Imprint cells also highlighted in yellow.

The broadest revisions are in Package Services. In the annual FY15 file for Bound Printed Matter Parcels, volumes needed to be switched between categories, although totals remained the same. Other small changes were made in Bound Printed Matter Flats. The revised Bound Printed Matter tabs and cells are highlighted in yellow. There are no changes in the FY15 Alaska Bypass file or the FY15 Media and Library file, and thus those files are not provided. In the new Supplemental subfolder, however, quarterly files are provided for Bound Printed Matter, Alaska Bypass, and Library

and Media, because those quarterly files were inadvertently omitted from the Supplemental subfolder in the original ACR filing. (To the extent that the file names for some of the Package Services quarterly files include the term “revised,” the revisions in question would be relative to the quarterly BDs previously provided pursuant to the Periodic reporting rules, as opposed to anything filed in the ACR docket.)