

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

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE  
FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE CONTRACT 74

Docket No. MC2017-96

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE CONTRACT 74  
(MC2017-96)  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2017-136

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**

(March 22, 2017)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to Chairman's Information Request (CHIR) No. 1, which was issued on March 21, 2017. Responses were due no later than March 27, 2017. Each question is reprinted verbatim in the attached, and is followed by the Postal Service's response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

1. Please confirm that the Postal Service is the "vendor" referred to in Article X. If not confirmed, please identify the party assuming liability under Article X.

**RESPONSE:**

Confirmed.

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2. Please confirm that the Postal Service has determined that the costs of its assumption of liability under Article X are *de minimis*. If confirmed, please provide justification that supports this determination. If not confirmed, please provide an updated financial analysis that accounts for these costs.

**RESPONSE:**

Confirmed. The Postal Service has determined that the potential of incurring additional costs under this provision is *de minimis*. Given the limited nature of this shipping services agreement, it is highly unlikely that any infringement of a patent, copyright, license, or other proprietary right of a third party will arise from the customer's use of existing postal products.