

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

POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES  
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 108-18

Docket No. R2005-1

RESPONSE OF POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS CUTTING TO  
PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST  
NO. 7, QUESTION 1(a), 1(b)(ii), AND 1(b)(iv)  
(June 28, 2005)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of Postal Service witness Cutting to Presiding Officer's Information Request (POIR) No. 7, Question 1(a), 1(b)(ii), and 1(b)(iv), issued June 10, 2005.

Each question is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. In Docket No. R2001-1, the Postal Service provided several library references which utilized mainframe-based FORTRAN programs. The Presiding Officer requested that the Postal Service convert those FORTRAN programs from a mainframe to a PC-executable format. See Docket No. R2001-1, Tr. 5/951-52. In a report to the Presiding Officer, filed January 25, 2002, the Postal Service requested that it not be required to make the requested format conversion, arguing that the study supported by the documentation was not sufficiently germane to the settlement pending in that case to warrant the time and expense that conversion would likely entail.

Again, in R2005-1, a number of library references have been submitted using mainframe based FORTRAN programs. For example, in LR-K-84, three FORTRAN programs [cadoc04\_rep.f, mpproc04\_wgt.f, and sumclass\_wgt\_ecr.f] use the full FY 2004 IOCS data set [iocdata.2004.dat.] to develop estimates of cost savings for ECR saturation mail. The program documentation included with LR-K-84 reflects the use of this full IOCS data set. The Postal Service submitted an edited data set [prc04flt.dat ] with its filing (see USPS-LR-K-9) rather than the full data set required.

a) In order to allow the FORTRAN programs in LR-K-84 to be run and verified on a PC, please provide the following additional documentation:

- i. A revised header file for the edited data set that is analogous to the iocs2004.h header file for the full data set. The header file shows the length and location of the various data fields in an IOCS data set record;
- ii. Listings of the print statement output for all three programs. These listings are analogous to the SASLOGs included with the documentation for SAS programs;
- iii. Electronic versions of the following intermediate and final data files created by the three above-cited FORTRAN programs: clk\_mh\_mp04.dat, clk\_mh\_aw04.dat, mp04\_cra\_wgt.data, and mp04cra\_ecr.csv;
- iv. Listings of the revised programs.

b) Using the LR-K-84 example and items "i." through "iv." provided above as a guide, please provide a PC-executable program, the relevant input data, and the related logs and files for the following library references:

- i. USPS-LR-K-107 - PRC Version/Development of ECR Mail Processing Saturation Savings;
- ii. USPS-LR-K-83 - Window Service Costs by Shape;
- iii. USPS-LR-K-106 - PRC Version of Windows Service Costs by Shape;
- iv. USPS-LR-K-86 - Bound Printed Matter and Parcel Post Mail Processing and Parcel Post Window Service Costs;
- v. USPS-LR-K-109 - PRC Version/Bound Printed Matter Mail Processing Costs and Parcel Post Window Service Costs.

**RESPONSE:**

(a) Please see USPS-LR-K-138.

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(b)(ii) Please see USPS-LR-K-140.

(b)(iv) Please see USPS-LR-K-142.