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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Before Commissioners:

Dan G. Blair, Chairman;  
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;  
Ruth Y. Goldway;  
Tony L. Hammond; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Modification of Costing Methods 2008—  
Postal Service Proposals Ten and Eleven

Docket No. RM2008-6

COMMISSION INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued September 19, 2008)

Order No. 108, issued September 18, 2008, granted the Postal Service's petition to initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to evaluate Proposal Ten and Proposal Eleven for changing costing principles used to produce the Postal Service's periodic reports. To assist the Commission in evaluating Proposal Ten, the Postal Service is requested to provide the following information on or before September 24, 2008.

1. In Proposal Ten, the Postal Service proposes to disaggregate cost data for parcels into Single-Piece Parcel Post, Parcel Select, and Parcel Return Service (PRS) products using actual observations recorded in the In-Office Cost System (IOCS), City Carrier Cost System (CCCS), and Transportation Cost System (TRACS). Because these data systems were not able to separate data for these products previously, it can be inferred that changes have been made to the data system manuals. Therefore, the Postal Service is requested to provide updated copies for FY 2008 of the:

- a. IOCS Statistical and Computer Documentation manual;
- b. Manual that describes the questions for which TRACS statistical data collectors/technicians must provide answers; and
- c. Manual that describes the questions for which CCCS statistical data collectors/technicians must provide answers.

If the manuals have not been updated, please provide the most recent versions. The Postal Service is also requested to describe what updates are planned for FY 2009 to the IOCS, TRACS, and CCCS manuals.

2. In the background section supporting Proposal Ten, the Postal Service indicates that TRACS is unable to separate Parcel Select data from PRS data for Quarter 1 of FY 2008. Please explain how the Postal Service plans to separate Parcel Select and PRS data for this quarter.

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams  
Secretary