



**eVS/PTS User Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 12, 2011
3:30pm – 4:30pm EST**

Attendees

Audrey Meloni, Carmen Gil, Dawn Whitney, Arlene Peterson, Tina Riddle, Audrey Meloni, Jay Zeman, Wade Stephen, Crystal Laper, Marc Dropp, Brad Obert, Tim Hanson (Smartpost), Kevin Elkin, Matt Magee(Abol SW), Karyn Maunders, Arlene Peterson, Halle Damm, Marsha Martinez, Doug Ferguson, Roger Franco, John Medeiros, Richard Porras, Laine Ropson, Arlene Peterson, Jennifer Howard, Juliaann Hess, Bobbi Richardson, Tony Wells

Welcome – Juliaann Hess

- Roll Call

PTS Status – Juliaann Hess

- PTS Price Change Release Part I (1/2/2012)
 - New Parcel Select Lightweight Class of Mail – ‘LW’
 - New Parcel Select Lightweight Rate Indicators
 - BB – Mixed NDC Rate
 - DC – NDC Rate
 - DE – SCF Rate
 - DF – 5-Digit Rate
 - New Parcel Select Lightweight Service Type Codes
 - The descriptions and banner text for the following service type codes were presented:
 - 707 PSLW Insurance > \$200
 - 708 PSLW Insurance > \$200 Del Con
 - 709 PSLW Insurance > \$200 Return Receipt
 - 743 PSLW Insurance > \$200 w/Restricted Del
 - 744 PSLW Insurance > \$200 RRE
 - 745 PSLW Del Con w/ Insurance <= \$200
 - 746 PSLW Insurance <= \$200
 - 747 PSLW Del Con with Special Handling
 - 748 PSLW Del Con
 - 749 PSLW Insurance >\$200 Return Receipt/RRE
 - 784 PSLW Insurance >\$200 Return Receipt w/Restricted Del

- 785 PSLW Insurance >\$200 Return Receipt/RRE w/Restricted Del
 - 786 PSLW Insurance <=\$200 Return Receipt for Merchandise
 - 787 PSLW Return Receipt for Merchandise
 - 788 PSLW Delivery Confirmation Return Receipt for Merchandise
 - 789 PSLW
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- PTS TEM Release Part II (01/08/2012)
 - New Rate Indicators for Express Mail and Priority Mail
 - E8 – Express Mail Flat Rate Box PO to Addressee
 - E9 – Express Mail Flat Rate Box Hold for Pickup (HFP)
 - EE – Express Mail Flat Rate Box Sunday Holiday
 - C6 – Priority Mail Regional Rate Box A
 - C7 – Priority Mail Regional Rate Box B
 - C8 – Priority Mail Regional Rate Box C
 - P5 – Cubic Soft Pack and Padded Tier 1 (.10)
 - P6 – Cubic Soft Pack and Padded Tier 2 (.20)
 - P7 – Cubic Soft Pack and Padded Tier 3 (.30)
 - P8 – Cubic Soft Pack and Padded Tier 4 (.40)
 - P9 – Cubic Soft Pack and Padded Tier 5 (.50)
 - New Mail Class Descriptions
 - S2 – Standard Mail Marketing
 - SA – Standard Mail Fulfillment
 - New Rate Indicators for PMOD Containers
 - O1 – Full Tray Box
 - O2 – Half Tray Box
 - O3 – EMM Tray Box
 - O4 – Flat Tub Tray Box
 - O5 – Pallet (NSA and Contracts Only)
 - O6 – Full Pallet Boxes (NSA and Contracts Only)
 - O7 – Half Pallet Boxes (NSA and Contracts Only)
 - New Container Types for PMOD
 - OA – Open & Distribute Full Pallet Boxes
 - OE – Open & Distribute EMM Box
 - OK – Open & Distribute Half Pallet Boxes
 - OP – Open & Distribute Pallet
 - OT – Open & Distribute Flat Tub Tray Box
 - New Rate Indicator for GXG Envelope
 - LE – Legal Envelope
 - Getting Set Up in the TEM Environment
 - eVS Customers
 - Non-eVS Customers
 - Setup Instructions are in Publication 199 on RIBBS
 - <https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm?page=intellmailpackage>
 - Appendix Q – Confirmation Services Checklist

- Appendix R – eVS Customer Checklist
 - Appendix S – Parcel Return Service Checklist
 - Question (Laine Ropson) – Has Publication 199 been updated with new Service Type Codes?
 - Answer (JH) – Yes. It will be sent out next week. Service Type Codes were posted to RIBBS on 1/11/2012.
 - Pub 199 Index/Publications numerically
 - Action Item (Tony): Make sure that Publication 199 has been added to the list of publications.
- Production Release Part III (1/22/2012)
 - All Features in TEM Live in Production
- PTS II – Customer Testing Volunteers
 - PTS II Inaugural Release – March 25, 2012
 - Customer Acceptance Testing
 - TEM Testing
 - Parallel Testing
 - Parallel operations between the legacy system and the new system
 - Email Request to Lisa Hyater
 - Lisa.C.Hyater@usps.gov
- Program Registration Feedback (Carmen Gil)
 - Onboarding Process
 - Preparing a team to onboard customers
 - Duration – 2 to 3 weeks
 - A few of the larger customers have already been onboarded
 - Webinars
 - Preparing Webinar on how to use Program Registration
 - Note: Program Registration is referred to as Online Enrollment
 - John Medeiros noted that he noticed issues with the MID tools. The concern was have the tools been working properly since the November 6th. He thought the gateway was not that intuitive.
 - Carmen reassured that the webinars will help clarify the process with customers.
 - John thanked Bobbi’s team for walking the customers through the process.
- Intelligent Mail Package Barcode Final Rule Highlights and Dates
 - Effective January 22, 2012
 - Free tracking, including confirmation of delivery
 - Commercial parcels only
 - Excludes
 - Standard Mail
 - Package Services
 - Bound Printed Matter
 - Media Mail
 - Library Mail
 - Unique barcode required for presort and destination entry pricing
 - Transition period until July 2, 2012

- Excludes Standard Mail
 - Includes Package Services and Parcel Select Lightweight
 - IMpb required for PC Postage Vendors
 - Transition period until July 2, 2012
 - Simplified banner text for the legacy barcode format
 - “USPS Tracking #” or “USPS Signature Tracking #”
- January 7, 2013
 - IMpb required
 - For all package tracking and extra services barcodes
 - To receive presort and destination entry pricing
 - Shipping Services Electronic Manifest Version 1.6 required
 - ZIP + 4 Code or destination delivery address must be included in the file
 - Customer exception process requested through VP, Product Information
- IMpb Key Points
 - Certification required for all IMpb barcodes and files
 - All MIDs must be certified
 - Shipping Services File Version 1.6 allows manifesting of both IMpb and legacy barcodes
 - Manifested pieces, including legacy barcodes, will be returned in scan event extract file version 1.5
 - Unmanifested IMpb barcodes will be extracted in version 1.5
 - Unmanifested legacy barcodes will be extracted in the legacy scan event extract format
 - The IMpb number in the manifest file should match the number encoded on the physical package
 - Scan event extract files include the full concatenated barcode number in the barcode field.
 - *Note: The \$0.03 barcode discount goes away January 22, 2012*

eVS Status – Vicki Bosch/Jennifer Howard

- Release Update: Price Change
 - January 8, 2012 (PostalOne! 29.0)
 - New products available in PostalOne! Test Environment for Mailers (TEM)
 - Refund and Reconciliation Management
 - Printer-friendly Reports
 - Known issues:
 - Extra Services calculated at January 22nd rates
 - Parcel Select/Parcel Post postage statement errors
 - Please report any issues to the NCSC Helpdesk
 - January 12, 2012 (PostalOne! 29.0.1)

- PostalOne! patch release 29.0.1 corrects both known issues for manifests received post-implementation
 - Postage Statements with extra services (1/8 – 1/12)
 - Resolution: Scheduling a data repair to reverse postage statements and recalculate with correct extra service fees
 - Parcel Select/Parcel Post – extra services (1/8 – 1/12)
 - Resolution: Scheduling a data repair to recalculate with correct extra service fees
 - Parcel Select/Parcel Post – no extra services (1/8 – 1/12)
 - Resolution: Postage statements will be recalculated and processed for postage payment beginning 1/13
 - January 22, 2012 (PostalOne! 29.0.2)
 - Mailers and vendors are expected to certify new products before shipping
 - 10 labels
 - 100 manifest records per mail class
 - eVS/PostalOne! (TEM) available for independent testing
 - NCSC is currently accepting files and labels for evaluation and certification
 - Questions? eVS@usps.gov
- 2012 Planned Releases
 - April 1, 2012
 - Proposed Changes
 - Destination Entry Validation removed from Postage Statement Variance Report and managed as a monthly adjustment for NDCs, SCFs
 - Daily Postage Statement Summary download report
 - Dimensional Weight Averaging PAF for mailers unable to manifest Dimensional Weight Priority Mail
 - 3rd-Party Payment option for approved Logistics Manager and Mail Owner relationships
 - Additional internal enhancements for sampling quality and monthly reconciliation processing
 - June 24, 2012
 - Major release – may include new products and/or postage statement changes
 - Requirements in design review with IT
 - Tentatively planned
 - International Mail support

Questions / Comments from Industry

- Overview of the new Scan Based Payment Return Services
- Discuss what plans are in place to fix Sampling Error for Standard Mail Postage Calculation

Next meeting scheduled for *Thursday 2/9/2012 at 3:30pm.*