



eVS/PTS User Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 10, 2012
3:30pm – 4:30pm EST

Attendees

Richard Porras, Andy Lundgren, Jennifer Howard, Lisa Hyater, Juliaann Hess, Crystal Stefanko, Mark Dropp, Emil Aquino, Marsha Martinez, Marshall Pettit, Elise Thomas (eVS), Tim Hanson (SP), Priya (SmartPost), Margaret Reese, Peter Klausner, Vicki Bosch, Doug Ferguson, Julian Thomas, Laine Ropson, Ed Stashluk, Robert Myers

Welcome – Juliaann Hess/Lisa Hyater

- Roll Call

PTS Status – Lisa Hyater

- IMpb Timeline (Juliaann Hess)
 - Juliaann presented a revised slide summarizing the transition periods and direction for mailers if they don't meet the July 2, 2012 date
 - Published Final Rule published September 27, 2011
 - 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 #”
 - Can be used for legacy barcode format also
 - January 7, 2013
 - IMpb required

- For all package tracking and extra services barcodes
 - To receive presort and destination entry pricing for parcels
 - 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
- New Scan Event Extract File 1.6 and 2.0
 - Suggested New Fields from customer (Note: no implementation date)
 - Time Zones
 - GMT Time
 - GMT Offset
 - Facility Type
 - GPS
 - Longitude
 - Latitude
 - Feedback from other customers was requested
 - JM – more information is better
 - Laine – agrees that more is better
 - Action Item: The latest 1.6/2.0 will be sent to the distribution list.
- New MTAC Task Team
 - Task Team #14 Title: Electronic documentation solution that enables verification, postage payment and IMpb tracking for Bound Printed Matter Parcels.
 - Desired Results
 - Technical solution to provide verification, acceptance, payment and IMpb tracking for Bound Printed Matter Parcels
 - Recommended changes to Guides and Specifications
 - Maintaining an overall low cost solution that will meet both industry and USPS needs
 - Expected Date of Completion: May 13, 2012
- PTS-II New Implementation Schedule
 - Tentative dates
 - CAT – July 9, 2012
 - TEM – August 6, 2012
 - Go Live Date – August 19, 2012

eVS Status – Vicki Bosch

- Release Update: April 1, 2012
 - April 1, 2012 (PostalOne! 30.0)
 - New functionality

- Destination Entry Validation calculated as a monthly adjustment for NDCs & SCFs
 - Postage Statement Summary > Destination Entry Eligibility Report
 - Additional internal enhancements for sampling quality and monthly reconciliation processing
 - Fixes – 30.0
 - Parcel Select Lightweight price was not being calculated for Mis-shipped
 - Presort Eligibility reports
 - Fixes – 30.0.1 (April 15)
 - ONDC/NDC missing rate combination resolved
 - Postage Statements with both Parcel Select and Parcel Post won't error out
- eVS Status
 - 2012 Planned Releases
 - PostalOne! 31.0
 - June 10, 2012 -TEM/Production Software Deployment
 - June 24, 2012 Implementation – new product availability
 - Planned functionality
 - International Mail
 - Shipping Services File Format v1.7
 - PostalOne! 32.0
 - October 14, 2012
 - Finalizing release schedule for 2013
 - June 10, 2012
 - Improve Navigation for Transaction ID-EFN Pairs by eliminating drill down when there is only one EFN for a Transaction ID
 - Update Mailer ID Report to replace upload date with certified date
 - Introduce separate sampling report for content audit samples
 - Revise manifest search will include option to search for international mail
 - Sunset discontinued rate ingredients; bad manifest records will appear in Manifest Errors
 - Processing category - 6,7,8,9
 - Rate Indicators – 1E, 2E, 3E, 1A, 2A, 3A
 - Testable in eVS TEM in June
 - International Mail support
 - Shipping Services File Format v1.7
 - Note: Available in eVS production after PTS implementation (tent. 8/19)
 - June 24, 2012

- Support Express Mail Padded Flat-Rate Envelope
 - Any samples for content audit would appear in content audit sampling report
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- Release Update: June 10, 2012 (PostalOne! 31.0)
 - Report Fixes
 - DDU Mis-shipped filtered ZIP Code Matches report column headers will accurately reflect MID and PIC
 - Postage Sampling Adjustment Worksheet from the Postage Discrepancy report will eliminate current display of html code in comma delimited download
 - Reconciled Samples report had single quotes around numeric data in excel download which recognized data as 'text', this will be corrected to be numeric instead of text
 - Postage Due Statement Summary uses the PRS transaction date instead of mailer provided mailing date
 - Daily Postage Statement Summary report will match detail level for report upon drill-down
 - Mis-shipped DDU parcels, line 2d, total pieces appear and postage value \$0.00 – will eliminate data on this line since details appear by mail class
 - Postage Discrepancy report (link from PAF) will accurately display data
 - Adjustments
 - Manual Adjustments – will display comments when adjustments are performed
 - Account Summary and Adjustment View - will accurately reflect adjustments due/collected (single adjustment or multiple by mail class)
- eVS Tentatively planned for October 14, 2012
 - Pipe Delimited Format (manifest format 2.0)
 - Ineligible Content Quarterly Adjustment
 - Option to receive reconciliation
- Future eVS Requirements
 - Containerization
 - GUI enhancements
 - Corrections
- Update on publications
 - Posted on RIBBS
 - Proposed Appendix A – June 2012
 - File Layout including 1.7
 - Appendix G - June 2012
 - International Rate ingredients
 - Available on RIBBS - May 18, 2012

- Proposed Appendix A – October 2012
 - File Layout including 2.0
- New Adjustments - Will begin charging for valid new adjustments in May (from April data)
 - Duplicates
 - Express Mail and Priority Mail duplicates
 - Same PIC delivered in multiple ZIP Codes
 - Presort Validation
 - Any mail classes that did not meet minimum quantities for “mailing”
 - 200 pc/50# - STD
 - 300 pc – BPM, LIB, MED
 - 500 pc - FC
 - Destination Entry Validation
 - Validating based on entry discounts claimed
 - DNDC and DSCF only
 - Content Audits
 - Quarterly Assessments
 - Discuss new defined business rules and calculation process
- Slides from the Content Based Pricing subgroup meeting from March 15, 2012 was presented.

Industry Feedback

- Is TEM functionality ready to handle full string IMpb’s with AI’s and Zips (inclusive of 6 digit MIDs with 34 digit IMpb PICs) in 1.6 file format with ALL combination of Rate Ingredients for all parcel product combinations?
- Postage Statements – functionality to save/print to .PDF or an electronic equivalent
- Unable to Access Detail in Large Variance Report for Troubleshooting
- Industry Feedback on BPM Content Audit Process
- Average Cost Per Piece on Unmanifested Pieces

Action Item Review

- April 11, 2012
 - eVS team to provide a rate ingredient in Appendix G for machineable standard marketing parcels for destination entry only *Done as of April 20.*
 - PTS will provide the requirement for the new scan event extract file 1.6/2.0 *In progress*

- Industry will provide feedback for items to be included in the eVS Postal One! October Release by March 16, 2012 *No feedback received*
- Suggestions for increasing bandwidth for reports should be sent to Jennifer, Vicki, and Tony *No suggestions received*
- Suggestions for open-pipe should be sent to Tony so it can be forwarded to Bob *No suggestions received*
- Confirm the grace period for the destination validation and the rules for conflicts for the rate ingredients with the service type codes *In progress*
- Tony will distribute the SRS item to the user group. *Done.*

Questions / Comments

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Action Items

- Check Priya, Mark, Crystal, Jim Hanson's email addresses (SmartPost) to be sure they get added to the distribution list.
- Tony will send the latest 1.6/2.0 will be sent to the distribution list.
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Next meeting scheduled for *Thursday 6/07/2012 at 3:30pm.*