



**eVS/PTS User Group
Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 09, 2012
3:30pm – 4:30pm EST**

Attendees

Patrick Stegall, Vicki Bosch, Juliaann Hess, Peter Furka, Shirley Konen, Stacy Ibarra, Tim Hansen, Wade Stephen, Andy Lundgren, Peter Klausner, Lisa Copeland, Ike Henderson, Jaclyn Tubbin, Mark Dropp, Arlene Peterson, Kim May, Malai (DHL Global Mail), Jeff Waite, Mark Riffey (Windowbrook), Levent Gencoglu, Heidi Gapinski, John Medeiros, David Guinther, Jennifer Howard, Oscar Vazquez (UPS), Gavin Tierney, Emil Aquino, Kevin (RR Donnally) Tony Wells

Welcome – Juliaann Hess/Lisa Hyater

- Roll Call

PTS Status – Lisa Hyater/Juliaann Hess

- Intelligent Package Mail Barcode (IMpb)
 - Extended the transition period for initial phase through July 31, 2012
 - Customers must submit an Exception Form and letter requesting additional time to come into compliance.
 - Mail letter and form to:
 - Jim Cochrane,
 - Vice President, Product Information
 - USPS Headquarters
 - 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Room 3667
 - Washington, DC 20260-5626
 - Customers with exceptions continue to qualify:
 - For presort and/or destination pricing
 - To mail parcels at prices for specific mail classes, such as Parcel Select Light Weight
 - IMpb Frequently Asked Questions
- IMpb Next Milestone Date (January 7, 2013)
 - IMpb required for all tracking and Extra Services barcodes
 - IMpb required for parcels claiming presort and destination entry pricing
 - Shipping Services File Version 1.6 or higher required
 - ZIP+4 Code or destination delivery address required in the file

- PTS Legacy Patch Releases
 - June 28, 2012 – Release 12.10.5
 - June Price Change
 - Express Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope
 - Rate Indicators
 - FE – Express Mail PO to Addressee
 - FE – International Express Mail
 - FP – Hold for Pick-Up
- New Fields for Scan Event Extract Files
 - A screen shot was presented with the following proposed fields for the scan event extract
 - GMT Time
 - GMT Offset
 - GPS Latitude
 - GPS Longitude
- Shipping Services File 1.7 Lite
 - PTS started accepting Shipping Services File version 1.7 as of June 24, 2012.
 - This version provides a solution for electronic/manifesting customers to submit Domestic mailing only.
 - The Recipient Name and Delivery Address is now on the D1 record versus the D2.
 - This version does not provide a solution for electronic/manifesting customers to submit
 - US Customs information electronically (D3 and D4)
 - New Container Record (C1) or
 - Including the original label number for pieces that have been over labeled
- PTS-II New Implementation Schedule
 - Current Status
 - Release 1.1
 - CAT – July 9, 2012 (Delayed)
 - TEM – July 16, 2012 (Delayed)
 - Go Live Date – August 19, 2012 (At Risk)
 - Includes New Shipping Services File Format
 - Release 1.2
 - September 23, 2012
 - Internal EDW Extracts
 - Revamping Schedule
 - Gavin – Through this peak will PTS not be available? Ans. Both systems will be working in parallel. Note: Customers need to plan

as if PTS-2 will not be available. The concern is that the current system can handle another peak season.

- John M. – When PTS 2 comes up, will we be able to use the 1.7 Overlabeling functionality? Ans. No. But it is one of our higher priorities on the next release.

eVS Status – Dave Guinther

- Release Updates
 - Recent 2012 Deployed Releases
 - PostalOne! 31.0
 - June 10, 2012 -TEM/Production Software Deployment
 - June 24, 2012 Implementation – new product availability
 - 2012 Planned Releases
 - PostalOne! 31.1
 - August 12, 2012 – patch release
 - PostalOne! 32.0
 - October 14, 2012
 - 2013 planned release schedule published on RIBBS
 - Schedule was shared
 - 2013 Planned Release Schedule
 - January 13, 2013 TEM Availability
 - January 27, 2013 Major
 - April 7, 2013 Minor
 - July 15, 2013 TEM Availability
 - July 28, 2013 Major
 - October 13, 2013 Minor
- International Mail in eVS
 - Shipping Services File Format v1.7
 - August 19, 2012
 - Domestic products only
 - no International products
 - D1 and D2 records
 - Limited testing capability for v1.7 (eVS TEM only) – available now
 - Full support for International products and D3 and D4 records – delayed until January 2013 (tentative)
- Release Update: August 12, 2012 (PostalOne! 31.1)
 - Postage Statement issues
 - Priority Mail Open and Distribute (PMOD) statements with inaccurate charges
 - Report Fixes
 - On the landing page
 - the Destination Entry Validation (DEV) will accurately match the DEV report

- Reports
 - Postage Statement will accurately display RSCF into the correct section
 - Presort Eligibility Exception report will display correct mail class
 - DEV report - pricing will be updated to accurately price packages destined for the incorrect facility
 - Email notifications
 - eVS automatic reconciliation notification will only be sent out to the VAE when an adjustment has been processed within the past 24 hours
- Release Update: October 14, 2012 (PostalOne! 32.0)
 - Postage Calculation
 - Bound Printed Matter rounding will be corrected
 - Extract Fixes
 - eVS Reconciliation extract will total manifest postage
 - Report Fixes
 - On the landing page the Postage Adjustment from Manifest Errors count will update
 - eVS variance report will display records for all statements
 - Postage statement summary link will be fixed for the display error “page not found”
- Additional Issues – not scheduled yet
 - Postage Statement Variance report cannot be downloaded if there are a large number of packages in the report
 - Transaction data for completed Mis-shipped adjustment transactions appear to have not been completed
- Release Update: October 14, 2012 (PostalOne! 32.0)
 - Option to receive reconciliation extract weekly
 - Shipping Services File Format v2.0 (pipe delimited format)
 - Limited testing capability (eVS TEM only)
 - Note: Full support – delayed until January 2013 (tentative)
- eVS: January 27, 2012
 - New products
 - Critical Mail with Signature
 - Elimination of Parcel Select Regional Ground
 - ‘RG’ = Regional Ground (ONDC and Basic)
 - International Support for v1.7 and v2.0 (tentative)
 - First-Class Mail International (parcels only)
 - Priority Mail International
 - Express Mail International
- Critical Mail

- New Product: Critical Mail with Signature
 - eVS will accept Rate Indicator ‘AS’ to identify the Critical Mail Letter with Signature and Rate Indicator ‘AC’ to identify the Critical Mail Flat with Signature.
 - eVS will also accept 3-digit Service Type Codes (STCs) unique to Critical Mail and the following Extra Service Combinations.
 - A chart was presented with all of the 3-digit Critical Mail service type codes and extra services.
- Updates on eVS postings on RIBBS
 - August Publication 205 Updates
 - Available Friday August 10, 2012
 - August Appendix A with 1.7 (D1 and D2 available)
 - January Appendix A with 1.7 and 2.0
 - January Appendix G with new products for January
 - Publication 205 August 2012
- Adjustments
 - Adjustments under review
 - Duplicates
 - Adjustments that will have fixes in August
 - Presort Validation
 - Destination Entry Validation
 - Continuing to look at data
 - Valid data may be charged for June in July
- Content Based Pricing subgroup update
 - Follow up call on 7/25/12
 - Content audits will continue to be conducted and assessed under the old policy
 - Follow up face to face at MTAC with proposal for new plan, scheduled for Tuesday August 14, 2012

Industry Feedback

- How would USPS plan to Audit BPM Parcels should USPS implement its proposed Federal Register Notice for BPM parcels with minimum density of 10 LBS/Cubic Foot? *This will be discussed at the face to face meeting on 8/14/2012.*
- When does the Service Type Code trump the Rate Ingredients using IMpb’s? Are there a set of published rules? Can they be made available? *John M. clarification: When using IMpb, STCs can’t be used instead of the rate ingredient. Requesting a table that will indicate when the STC would trump the rate ingredient. VB answer: The STC usually trumps.*
- 2013 questions: Will there be any tolerance with USPS regarding the strict adherence to a +4 address? What percent of utilization will USPS use the address or +4 information to scan packages and sort to an individual route?
 - JH – There is no mention of any type of tolerance

- JH - +4 information could be taken from our PASS sites (2500 units); these will cover ~50% of the volume
- Note: This appears to be something that the industry would like to see the postal service do

Action Item Review

- eVS team will consider impacts for network optimization regarding adjustments *Labeling and FAST are scheduled to be in alignment*
- Tony will set up meeting with Vicki and Lisa to provide a date to the industry to do an eVS/PTS TEM Webinar. *Tentative webinar date in August (8/30)*
- Send an e-mail to Tony if you would like to be added to the Content Based Pricing Sub-group.
- John M. will get an answer from the surcharge question offline and share the resolution with the group. *John didn't recall hearing anything back.*
- Add Pete Furka to the Content Based Pricing Subgroup. Done on 8/02/2012
- Initiate subgroup to discuss options for the facility types and other suggested fields for the extract file; Meeting scheduled for 8/23/2012 at 3:30pm

Questions / Comments

- VB – Is monthly too frequent to meet?
 - Customers like the current monthly schedule

Action Items

- Vicki will provide a table that will indicate when the service type codes would trump the rate ingredient.

Next meeting scheduled for *Thursday 9/13/2012 at 3:30pm.*