

MTAC User Group 9

September 25, 2014 at 2:00PM EST

Mission Statement: Collaborate to create and discuss the efficient communication, deployment, and accuracy of USPS presort reference data. Creating visibility into any issues around this presort reference data distribution and usage will lead to recommendations for improvements.

Meeting Notes:

- Reviewed issue list
 - No new issues
- Reviewed inconsistencies with Mail.dat presort data date related fields
 - Differences found in mail.dat file
 - Presort Labeling List Effective Date
 - Last Used Labeling List Effective Date
 - Presort City-State Publication Date
 - Last Used City-State Publication Date
 - Presort Zone Chart Matrix Publication Date
 - Last Used Zone Chart Matrix Publication Date
 - Last Used Mail Direction Publication Date
 - Discussion around which date should be used
 - Proposal #1: Effective date should be clearly defined and used for all files
 - Some say “Effective Date” but use publication date
 - Some did not change publication date after re-posting
 - Proposal #2: Add one character version identification to header in addition to effective date
 - Follow up with USPS to see how this can be implemented
 - Kristina will put together proposal and present to UG
 - Bob Schimek to bring it to industry side through MSDG group
 - Industry recommendation: Have comprehensive plan to make record changes in unison
 - Have both old format and new format available during turn-over
 - User group agreed: Header date format should be standardized (month-day-year) in all files
 - Header date should be updated for subsequent publications
 - Can vendors do something in the short term prior to this suggestion being implemented?
 - Discussion around which City/State file to use
 - Use month from header with 01 for the day
 - Add two new fields in filler of header
 - Effective date
 - Version number
 - Follow up next week
 - Use of multiple versions of files for scorecard – USPS follow up
- Next Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 2:00PM EST