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Dear Periodicals Mailer:

As a valued customer, we wanted to share with you some important changes concerning Periodicals mailings.

The standardized National Destination Entry Critical Entry Times (CET) are listed below. While there is no change to the Flats Sequencing System (FSS) CETs, effective January 5, 2015 containers for non-FSS zones requiring a bundle sort have a CET of 11:00, while those not requiring a bundle sort have a CET of 14:00. Effective April 12, 2015 an additional CET of 17:00 will be offered for some pallets of carrier route bundles.

Standardized Destination Entry Critical Entry Time (CET) Matrix for Periodicals Mail			
Zone	Bundle Sort Needed	No Bundle Sort Needed	5D Pallet of Pure CRRT*
FSS	08:00	11:00	N/A
Non-FSS	11:00	14:00	17:00*

*CET applies to pallets containing only CRRT bundles (no 5D bundles allowed) for one ZIP Code or one multi-ZIP delivery facility as defined by L001. See below.

The national standardized CET's for destination entry Periodicals mail are established to ensure Periodicals are processed on automated equipment to the maximum extent possible. Maximizing the automation of Periodicals will increase efficiency and reduce the cost to process this mail.

Zones or ZIP Codes which are sequenced on the Flats Sequencing System (FSS) continue to have earlier CETs than non-FSS zones, due to the longer processing window of our FSS operations, which begin as early as noon. The CETs for non-FSS flats have been adjusted as shown on the chart above. The Postal Service is proposing a pricing incentive for a 5D/5D Scheme pallet of carrier route bundles for one ZIP Code or one multi-ZIP delivery facility as defined by L001. This pallet does not permit the inclusion of any 5D bundles. Only this pallet type will be permitted the later CET shown above.

CETs are established at the container level. For example: for 3-digit containers, if any of the 5 digit ZIPs that **could be** prepared within that container are on the FSS Label List, then that container is identified as FSS and receives a CET of 08:00. For a list of FSS zones, see label list L006, which can be found online at http://pe/text/LabelingLists/Labeling_Lists.htm. Labeling lists are updated monthly.

All Periodicals will be processed efficiently on automated or mechanized equipment, where postal facilities have this type of equipment. If the characteristics of the mailpiece are not compatible with automated processing, the most efficient alternatives will be used. Since all Periodicals (daily, weekly, quarterly and monthly) have the same processing expectations and service standards, they will be processed based upon arrival times and service standards, not publication titles.

Processing prioritization is based on Periodicals arriving before the CET, the operating window, machine capacity and efficiency. Periodicals arriving after the CET are advanced if they can be processed in the most efficient method available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Malone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda M. Malone
Vice President
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