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1.0 Introduction

On Thursday, August 26, 2021, the United States Postal Service implemented the following software change:

- Package Platform Release 2.7.1.0

These Release Notes provide the contents of the release and affected subsystems.

The section titled **Corrections to Known Issues** is derived from External Trouble Reports (ETRs) and Engineering Change Requests (ECRs) for inclusion in this release. This document is prepared based on the knowledge available at the time of its publication and any element may be subject to change prior to publication.

2.0 Package Platform – Enhancements, Updates, and New Functionality

2.1 Variance Report

A Variance Report was implemented that reflects manifest and calculated postage details. The report can be accessed from the Package Platform Reports page and includes options to export the results to Excel, comma-separated values (CSV), or Print Friendly format. The report includes the following fields:

- Mailing Date
- Transaction Date
- Electronic File Number (EFN)
- Package Identification Code (PIC)
- Destination and Entry ZIP Codes
- Mailer Zone
- Package Platform Zone
- Mailer Mail Class
- Package Platform Mail Class
- Mailer PC Processing Category
- Mailer Destination Rate Indicator
- Package Platform Destination Rate Indicator
- Mailer Rate Indicator
- Package Platform Rate Indicator
- Manifest Actual Weight
- Manifest Length
- Manifest Width
- Manifest Dimensional (DIM) Weight
- Package Platform DIM Weight
- Manifest Postage Amount*
- Manifest Surcharge Amount*
- Package Platform Postage + Surcharge Amount*
- Total Calculated Extra Services*
- Total Manifest Extra Services*
- Total Variance Amount*

The report includes totals for all columns marked with an asterisk (*) in the list above. The values in the Total Variance Amount column are shown in red for non-zero variances. Mailers are able to filter the Variance Report based on a begin and end date. The default date range for the report is the current month. [4167-PR](#)

2.2 Informed Visibility – Mail Tracking and Reporting (IV-MTR) Data Feed

Prior to this release, commercial mailing details that were provided in the IV-MTR daily feed for Enterprise Payment Systems (EPS) transactions did not consistently include an Automated Clearing House (ACH) Debit Withdrawal ID on the same day that the transaction appeared in the IV-MTR data feed. This could occur because the ACH Withdrawal ID might not have been available before the daily cut-off time for the commercial mailings IV-MTR data feed. The scenario could then result in the ACH Withdrawal ID being available a day later than the date the corresponding transaction appeared in the Commercial Mailings IV-MTR data feed, making it more difficult to reconcile.

An option is now provided on the IV-MTR portal to enable mailers to choose whether the Commercial Mailing data feed should include only the transactions that have a corresponding ACH Withdrawal ID. Selecting this option enables the commercial mailing transaction and its corresponding ACH Withdrawal ID to be included in the same day's IV-MTR data feed to simplify reconciliation. (Note that this may result in some transactions appearing a day later than they might be expected based on the date of the transaction.) [1309-PI \(4147-PR\)](#)

3.0 Document History

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08/26/2021	3.0	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removed DRAFT watermark• Updated to reflect post-deployment language references