# MTAC WG 195 -

Enterprise Payment System (EPS)
Review and Enhancements

Closeout – July 26, 2022



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83 participants from over 30 companies and the USPS representing every group in the mail supply chain – mail owners, printers, comminglers, transportation, software developers, tracking providers, and other interested parties. Members:





### **MTAC WG 195 ISSUE STATEMENT**

USPS proposes identifying multiple issues and solutions to address the data and reporting needs of the mailing industry. There are several business needs that have been identified by the mailing industry that will require better/modified connectivity between the Enterprise Payment System, its data sources, and other USPS systems.

This includes Informed Visibility, Mail Tracking and Reporting, and the Package Platform.

Feedback has been provided and tracked through specific mailing industry points of contact.





#### MTAC WG 195 DESIRED RESULTS

- Enhanced EPS payment data, retrieval, and reporting for the Mailing Industry from the EPS platform
- Informed Visibility Platform to review:
  - Data Contents
  - Data Frequency
  - Data Timeliness
  - Data Layout
  - User Interface
- Enhance user experience of the EPS platform
- CAPS to EPS Migration Not part of the Issue Statement but was an original focus of the group to remove obstacles preventing mailers from moving to EPS



### MTAC WG 195 PARTICIPATION & FORMAT

- Weekly meetings beginning in December 2020
- 152 EPS concerns consolidated and triaged from:
  - WG 173 Original EPS WG
  - UG 11 EPS related issues
  - EPS related tickets
  - Other EPS concerns submitted by different Industry members
- 69 issues remained after identifying some as completed, closed, or no longer relevant
- 85 issues total was the final number after identifying more during the course of the WG





# **MTAC WG 195 ISSUES LIST**

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## MTAC WG 195 FOCUS AREAS

- Transitioning remaining CAPS mailers to EPS
- Improving EPS System performance by developing SLAs and system enhancements
- Improve Postage Data Delegation
  - Allowing eDoc submitters to receive their postage data through IV
  - Adding more levels of delegation for EPS CRID owners
- Enhancing postage data availability by increasing the fields on the EPS platform and within the IV-EPS files
- Identifying and correcting existing problems and limitations within the EPS platform and EPS-IV data



## MTAC WG 195 SUMMARY OF 85 ISSUES

- 28 closed due to no longer being a problem or no industry interest to pursue further
- 26 fixed during the course of the WG
- 6 scheduled to be fixed in a 2022 release
- 1 to be scheduled in a future release
- 11 related to adding data fields in the EPS platform and the EPS-IV files
- 4 related to postage data delegation
- 9 waiting on a USPS response



### **MTAC WG 195 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Data Delegation Due to the complexity and interest in improving postage data delegation, Task Team 36 was formed
- Data field improvements in EPS Platform and EPS-IV files
  - All recommendations to enhance the EPS-IV files were approved and will be monitored in UG 11 until completion
  - Recommendations to add functionality to the EPS platform were table due to cost
- Issues scheduled and "to be scheduled" will be monitored in UG 11 until completion
- 28 issues closed and 26 fixed no recommendation needed however on two of the closed issues there are two suggestions
  - Clarification to documentation should occur to avoid confusion regarding refunds and reversals
  - USPS Alerts regarding EPS/IV should always be generated if there is any potential impact to Industry
- 9 issues waiting on a USPS response will be worked in UG 11



# MTAC WG 195 PROPOSED DELEGATION MATRIX

Complete document filed with recommendations

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Light Blue = Exists Today

Green = Access

N/A = Access Not Applicable/Attainable to this type of Business Entity

NO = Access could be made available from an architecture standpoint but denied for business reasons.

Yellow = In question/To be discussed

Proposed Postage Access (4) IV-MTR Access Model





# MTAC WG 195 DATA FIELD RECOMMENDATIONS

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NOTES/QUESTIONS		PRIORITY							
If recommendation is to change labels, the IV label is chosen.		1						Field Available in report/	
Link to EPS Data Dictionary: https://postalpro.usps.com/node/5202		2					N = F	ield Not Available in repo	_
Need to set priority	3						No Change requested		
Recommendation for future: More USPS/Industry Collaboration ahead of t	ime?	4						Change Requested	
				Available Fie	Available Fields in			Available Fields in IV	
				EPS Transac	EPS Commercial	Available Fields in IV	Available Fields in IV	Bank Account	
Available Fields EPS & EPS/IV Feeds	Same/Similar Info w/Different Name	Notes	Recommendations	History	 Mailing & Shippin 🔻	Commercial Maili	Postage Detail 💌	Withdrawal _	
	"Date (ET)"/EPS-TH,								
	"Transaction Date/Time"/IV-CM,	If all fields reference the same	Use "Transaction Date/Time (ET)" for all fields. Add						
Date (ET)	"Transaction Date/Time (ET)"/EPS-CM	data, use one label across reports.	to IV-PD	Y	N	N	N	N	
eDoc Submitter CRID			Add to IV-PD	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	
		All classes of Mail use Pieces. Only							
		Periodicals use Pieces and Copies.							
		1. "Number of Pieces" is used in the							
		EPS-TH, IV-CM for all classes. In the							
		IV-PD file, "Number of Pieces" is							
		used for MM and First Class and							
		"Transaction Pieces" is used for							
		Periodicals.							
		2. "Number of Copies" is used for							
	Number of Copies, Nonsubs	Periodicals (n/a for other classes) in							
	Nonrequestor Copies, Subs Requestor								
Number of Contra	Copies, Number of Pieces, Transaction				v	v		N.	
Number of Copies	Pieces	between "Nonsubs Nonrequestor	Add to IV-PD	N	Y	Y	N	N	
	"Date (ET)"/EPS-TH,		Har Warner of the Date / Time / CT/W for all fields Add						
Toronomics Date /Time	"Transaction Date/Time"/IV-CM,	If all fields reference the same	Use "Transaction Date/Time (ET)" for all fields. Add		N	v	N	N	
Transaction Date/Time	"Transaction Date/Time (ET)"/EPS-CM "Date (ET)"/EPS-TH,	data, use one label across reports.	to IV-PD	N	N	Ť	IN	IN.	
	"Transaction Date/Time"/IV-CM,	If all fields reference the same	Use "Transaction Date/Time (ET)" for all fields. Add						
Transaction Date/Time (ET)			to IV-PD	NI.	v	N	N	N	
Halisaction Date/Time (E1)	Transaction Date/Time (ET) /EPS-CW	Could Publication Number be	10 10-PD	IN		IN	IN	IN	
		dropped and only use Permit							
		Number? A: Possibly but removing a							
	Publication Number is the same as the		Add to EPS-TH and IV-PD (Combine fields to one						
Permit Number	Permit Number for Periodicals.	programming for companies.	Permit/Pub #)	N	v	v	N	N	
Postage Statement Mailing Date	remit ramber for remodicals.	programming for companies.	Add to EPS-TH, EPS-CM, and EPS-PD	N	N	v	N	N	
Mail Class	"Class"/EPS-CM, "Mail Class"/IV-PD		Add to EPS-TH and IV-CM, use "Mail Class"	N	N	N	Y	N.	
Mailing City	, ,		Add to EPS-TH	N	Υ Υ	Y	N.	N N	
Mailing State			Add to EPS-TH	N	Υ	Υ	N	N	
		Currently exist in PO! on the excel							
Promotion Type (Doesn't currently Exist)		statement	Add Promotion Type to EPS-CM + IV-PD		N		N		
,, ,		Currently exist in PO! on the excel							
Promotion Discount (Doesn't currently Exist)		statement	Add Promotion Type to EPS-CM + IV-PD		N		N		
	"Customer Reference ID"-EPS-CM+IV-		Use Customer Reference ID for all fields. Add to IV-						
Customer Reference ID	CM "Detail"/EPS-TH		PD + FPS-TH	N	γ	γ	N	N	





# MTAC WG 195 QUESTIONS





