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**Expedited FOIA Request for USPS documents related to  
Private Address Forwarding and PRC docket MC2013-60**

October 18, 2013

On October 16, 2013, the USPS submitted a reply to PRC order 1838<sup>1</sup> in the pending PRC docket #MC2013-60 about my proposal for Private Address Forwarding.

The USPS' reply, and subsequent conversation with its attorney Michael Tidwell, indicated that the USPS has considered multiple similar proposals in the past dating back as far as 2001, "either as a discrete product concept or as part of a larger suite of potential services"<sup>2</sup>, as well as "other concepts in [the USPS'] product development pipeline" including:

1. Patent #7,295,997, in which merchants generate "[l]abel information [e.g.] a random number ... to identify the customer [without] includ[ing] the customer's name or address information" and "the shipper may read ... the label to determine the customer's name and address, apply [a] new label that has the customer's name and address to the package, and ship the package to the customer ... [so that] the customer's information remains anonymous from the merchant."
2. Patent application 20120011068 ("Mail My Way"), in which "a 'virtual address' or 'vanity address' is arbitrary character data defined by a mail recipient that is other than a physical address or mailing address of the customer ... for use in lieu of their

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<sup>1</sup> <http://prc.gov/Docs/88/88005/USPS.Reply.Ord.1838.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> all quotes are from the USPS reply to Order 1838, *supra*

... physical address"

3. Trademark application 8600747 ("Digital License Plate"), which concept includes "providing authentication of personal identification, secure storage of personal information, and encoding of identification information on valuable documents and products"

This letter is a formal FOIA request for all documents related to these and similar proposals (including Private Address Forwarding itself), including but not limited to:

1. investigations of "availability of technology, operational feasibility, associated costs, potential demand marketability, [and/or] policy implications" of such proposals
2. the "direction [and/or] prioritization of [] pre-decisional product development investigations" of such proposals
3. feasibility or technical standards for record storage systems for such proposals and/or for PO Box holder identities
4. "procedures in place that protect the identities and street addresses of individuals" and associated "records system"(s)
5. the "relative rankings of DLP" and other such proposals with respect to unrelated proposals contemplated by the USPS

To the extent that such documents are available in digital form (e.g. PDF, text, images, etc), please deliver them as such via email, FTP, or similar method. To the extent that the documents are only available in paper form, please send them either by scan and email, or by fax, as is most convenient.

If you believe that any of the requested documents are exempt from disclosure, please provide a list of what documents are within the requested class but exempt, together with an explanation of why they are exempt.

If you believe that any of the requested documents are insufficiently described, please fulfill the remainder of this request and contact me by email to resolve any insufficiency. If you

believe that any of the requested documents are already public, please point to where they may be found online.

I request fee waiver for this request. All responsive documents will be filed with the PRC docket (and thus published publicly), and directly benefits the public and the PRC in educating them on issues that the USPS has explicitly argued in its Reply to be directly relevant to the outcome of this proceeding. I expect to gain no commercial benefit whatsoever from this disclosure, nor from the proceeding itself.

If fee waiver is denied, I am willing to pay up to \$50 for processing of this request. While I may be willing to pay more, if it will cost more to complete, please contact me to explain the costs, and complete as much as can be done for \$50.

Because this request directly impacts an ongoing PRC proceeding and there is an urgency to inform the public regarding the USPS' activity in this proceeding due to the PRC's current reply comment deadline of 2013-11-13 (before which I and other stakeholders would need time to read and compose a response, based in part on any responsive documents), please process this request in an expedited manner.

Sincerely,  
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