

a. The applicant must be prepared to begin operation at a mutually agreed upon time soon after selection.

b. The applicant must demonstrate the ability to retrieve parcels on a regular schedule mutually agreed upon from the designated RDU, RBMC, or both.

1.7 Authorization

Participants during the first year of this experiment will be limited to the first 20; depending on the results in year one, 10 additional participants may be approved during the second year. The manager, Mailing Standards will review each request and will proceed as follows:

a. If the applicant meets the conditions required for the PRS experiment and the application is otherwise consistent with the purposes and goals of the experiment, the manager, Mailing Standards will approve the letter of request. For the purposes of the experiment, the Postal Service may require additional documentation and periodic review and inspection of each participant's PRS processing and accounting operations.

b. If the application does not appear to meet the conditions required for the PRS experiment, the manager, Mailing Standards will deny the request and send a written notice to the applicant, with the reasons for denial.

1.8 Procedure

Upon approval and payment of fees, participants must provide a copy of the approval to each contact at each pickup location. The manager, Mailing Standards will provide a copy to each district manager, Business Mail Entry that has a pickup location. Local post offices can determine payment of fees through CAPS.

1.9 Pickup Schedule

Parcels must be retrieved on a regular schedule: from BMCs, a minimum of every 48 hours excluding Sundays and Postal Service holidays; and from DDUs, a minimum of once every seven days. Permit holders or their agents will be required to set up a recurring or standing appointment to retrieve PRS parcels. If the permit holder (or agent) already has existing appointments to deliver Parcel Select parcels to a BMC

or DDU that meet these standards, the same appointment can be used for retrieving PRS parcels.

2.0 POSTAGE AND FEES

2.1 Postage

There are three PRS rate categories:

a. Parcel Select RDU. Parcels returned as Parcel Post to, and retrieved in bulk from, a designated delivery unit.

b. Parcel Select RBMC. Parcels returned as Parcel Post to, and retrieved in bulk from, a designated BMC.

c. Bound Printed Matter RBMC. Parcels returned as Bound Printed Matter to, and retrieved in bulk from, a designated BMC.

2.2 Permit Fee

A \$150.00 permit fee must be paid annually at the post office where the PRS permit is held. The permit must remain valid during the course of the experiment.

2.3 Advance Deposit Account and Annual Accounting Fee

The participant must pay postage through an advance deposit account and must pay an annual accounting fee of \$475.00. The account must remain valid during the course of the experiment.

3.0 RATES

3.1 Parcel Select Return Services—Return Delivery Unit

Regardless of weight, any parcel that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in combined length and girth must pay the oversized rate.

Weight not over (pounds)	Rate
1	\$2.00
2	2.00
3	2.00
4	2.00
5	2.00
6	2.00
7	2.00
8	2.00
9	2.00
10	2.00
11	2.00
12	2.00
13	2.00
14	2.00
15	2.00
16	2.00
17	2.00

Weight not over (pounds)	Rate
18	2.00
19	2.00
20	2.00
21	2.00
22	2.00
23	2.00
24	2.00
25	2.00
26	2.00
27	2.00
28	2.00
29	2.00
30	2.00
31	2.00
32	2.00
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64	2.00
65	2.00
66	2.00
67	2.00
68	2.00
69	2.00
70	2.00
Oversize	7.51

3.2 Parcel Select Return Services—Return BMC Machinable

Parcels that weigh less than 15 pounds but measure more than 84 inches in combined length and girth are charged the applicable rate for a 15-pound parcel.

Weight not over (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
1	\$2.10	\$2.13	\$2.19	\$2.28
2	2.67	2.70	2.77	2.88
3	3.22	3.25	3.34	3.46
4	3.42	3.76	3.86	4.00
5	3.59	4.16	4.29	4.49
6	3.75	4.52	4.65	4.94