If postal wages (orange line) represent 80% of USPS costs, why have Periodicals (and Standard flats) costs significantly increased faster than wages during this period? In addition, these above CPI increases have taken place during a period of expanded worksharing (co-mail, drop shipping, barcoding, palletization, elimination of sacks, etc.), so costs should have been declining. In addition, the USPS expanded their automation processes (bundle sorters, flat sorters). Finally, as we are all painfully aware, volume has dropped since the recession began. In a nutshell, you have more worksharing, more automation, less volume, yet costs are skyrocketing.