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To whom it may concern at OS,

We write in response to a request to provide a reason for our request to change the Appendix in the first revision of our OS submission os-2018-169 to a Supplementary section. This change was agreed to by the editor Emil Stanev in an email dated July 16, 2019.

The main compelling reason is that the Appendix/Supplement contained more than 20 figures. The resulting figure charges were too high for our budget.

Further, we had no accompanying text (aside from captions) to go with these figures, so it really cannot be considered to be an Appendix. It makes more sense as a Supplement.

We regret any inconvenience that was caused, and are grateful to the OS team for allowing us to make the change.

Yours faithfully,

Evan Mason and Simon Ruiz