

**POSTAL RATE COMMISSION**

[Docket No. MC98-1; Order No. 12411]

**Mail Classification Proceeding****AGENCY:** Postal Rate Commission.**ACTION:** Order terminating experimental docket.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the Postal Service's request, terminates an experimental docket established to consider a proposed "Mailing Online" service. Termination will allow the Service to consider revisions to the proposal, given adoption of a consolidation policy regarding its Internet presence. Termination is without prejudice to a new filing.

**DATES:** Termination was effective May 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send communications regarding this notice and order to the attention of Margaret P. Crenshaw, Secretary of the Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Washington, DC, 20268-0001.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 1333 H Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20268-0001, 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 5, 1999, the US Postal Service filed a pleading announcing the withdrawal of its request in this proceeding and moving that the Commission close this docket. Notice of US Postal Service Withdrawal of Request for a Recommended Decision and Motion to Close Docket (Postal Service Motion), May 5, 1999. In its pleading, the Postal Service states that it intends to consolidate its Internet presence within one website, USPS.com, rather than using the "PostOffice Online" website as a platform for certain Internet services such as Mailing Online, as was originally proposed by the Service in this docket. Id. at 1-2. According to the Service, the consolidation will enable it to avoid unnecessary redundancies and costs, and to manage efficiently the issue of year 2000 compatibility. Id. at 1. The consolidation further is touted as a sound business decision in accordance with the practice of other firms engaged in Internet transactions. Ibid.

The Postal Service states that it hopes to file a new, reformulated and supplemented request for its Mailing Online service at some unspecified point in the future. Id. at 2. As Mailing Online's platform would be the consolidated USPS.com website, rather than the currently proposed PostOffice Online, an updated explanation of the system's operation and revisions of certain estimated information systems

costs would be necessary. Ibid. In light of these modifications, the Service has concluded that the least complicated course of action is to withdraw its request. (In its motion to close the docket, the Postal Service states that it would seek to incorporate into the record of the new docket substantial, relevant parts of the record in the instant docket in order to allow for an expedited resolution of the new request. Postal Service Motion at 2.)

No participant has opposed the Postal Service's motion to terminate this docket. In light of the nature of this docket—a proposal for an experimental service by the Postal Service—the Commission does not believe that terminating proceedings at this time will result in prejudice to the due process rights of any participant. Accordingly, the Commission shall grant the Postal Service's motion to terminate this proceeding. (For information regarding the Service's initial filing, see Commission notice and order no. 1216, published at 63 FR 39600 (July 23, 1998)).

It is ordered:

1. The motion of the U.S. Postal Service to close docket no. MC98-1 is granted.
2. The Secretary shall cause this notice and order to be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 39 U.S.C. 3623.

Dated: May 20, 1999.

**Cyril J. Pittack,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**POSTAL SERVICE****Postal Service Board of Governors****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIMES AND DATES:** 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 1999; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 8, 1999.

**PLACE:** Washington, DC, at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, in the Benjamin Franklin Room.

**STATUS:** June 7 (Closed): June 8 (Open).

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Monday, June 7-1:00 p.m. (Closed)

1. Legal Issues.
2. Personnel Matters.

Tuesday, June 8-8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, May 3-4, 1999.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.

3. Capital Investments.

- a. Point of Service One (POS 1)—Stage 2A.
- b. Cincinnati, Ohio, Airport Mail Facility (AMF).

4. Tentative Agenda for the July 12-13, 1999, meeting in Washington, DC.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

**Thomas J. Koerber,**

*Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-41412; File No. SR-BSE-99-5]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Boston Stock Exchange Relating to Its Transaction Fee Schedule**

May 17, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on April 29, 1999, the Boston Stock Exchange ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

**I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange proposes to amend its transaction fee schedule to implement a maximum transaction fee cap for floor broker-entered orders executed on the Exchange.

**II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.