the convenience this service provides.  

Id.

Stamped Cards. The Postal Service plans to increase the fee for a single Stamped Card by the minimum amount of $0.01, which is a 50 percent increase. It also increases the other Stamped Cards fees by 50 percent. Id.

Bulk Parcel Return Service. The Postal Service states that the increase in the per-piece fee is similar to the general increase for Standard Mail parcels, which comprises this category. Id.

Restricted Delivery. Collect on Delivery Notice of Nondelivery and Alteration of Charges, and Money Order inquiries. The Postal Service says the larger-than-average fee increases for these services reflect their high value of service. Id.

International special services. The Postal Service says its general approach to international special services has been to set fees for those services that are similar to the fees for the equivalent domestic service, and that it has followed that approach for International Certificates of Mailing: International Registered Mail; International Return Receipts; and International Restricted Delivery. Id. at 23.

VIII. Mail Classification Schedule Product Description Changes

The Postal Service addresses § 3010.14(b)(9) in Part III of its Adjustment Notice. Id. at 37–38. This rule requires that the Adjustment Notice include all the changes to the product descriptions within the MCS that are necessitated by the planned price adjustments. The Postal Service provides the proposed MCS revisions in Appendix C. It notes that the changes are based on the draft MCS it submitted on September 24, 2007 (as supplemented on November 20, 2007). Id. at 37. Revisions are made to the MCS in Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International and in Outside County Periodicals.

International Mail. The MCS changes related to International Mail reflect changes to the International Mail Manual (IMM) that expand the number of country groups for First-Class Mail International to nine; implement the new shape-based prices for letters, large envelopes (flats), and packages (small packets); and apply the nonmachinable surcharge to all nonmachinable letters, regardless of weight. The Postal Service states that notice of the IMM changes is being placed on http://www.USPS.com and will be published shortly in the Federal Register. Id.

Outside County Periodicals. The Postal Service states that the MCS revisions for this product reflect the changes to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) required to implement 39 U.S.C. 3626(g)(4), which authorizes the provision of a discount for the Outside County pieces of a Periodicals publication having fewer than 5,000 Outside County pieces, and at least one Within County piece. The Postal Service states that the DMM changes implementing this new discount are being placed on http://www.USPS.com and will be published shortly in the Federal Register. Id. at 37–38.

IX. Ordering Paragraphs

It Is Ordered

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. R2008–1 to consider the planned price adjustments in rates and fees for market dominant postal products and services identified in the Postal Service’s February 11, 2008 Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment.

2. The Commission establishes a 20-day period for public comment on the planned price adjustments. This period extends through March 3, 2008.

3. The Commission appoints Kenneth E. Richardson as officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

4. The Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to arrange for prompt publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams, 
Secretary.

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notification of Item Added to Meeting Agenda


STATUS: Closed.


ADDITION: 1. Consideration of Rate and Classification Changes.

At its closed meeting on January 29, 2008, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to add this item to the agenda of its closed meeting and that no earlier announcement was possible. The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service certified that in her opinion discussion of this item could be properly closed to public observation.


Wendy A. Hocking, 
Secretary.

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