

- d. Any affected Indian tribe,  
 e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process, and  
 f. Any person who intends to petition for leave to intervene.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC staff will hold a public scoping meeting for the EIS regarding the RBS Unit 3 COL application. The scoping meeting will be held at the West Feliciana Parish High School Auditorium, 8604 U.S. Highway 61, St. Francisville, Louisiana, 70775, on Thursday, January 29, 2009. The meeting will convene at 7 p.m. and will continue until approximately 10 p.m. The meeting will be transcribed and will include the following: (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the environmental review process, the proposed scope of the EIS, and the proposed review schedule; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the EIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions for one hour prior to the start of the public meeting. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the EIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting Mr. Andrew Kugler or Ms. Jessie M. Muir by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 2828 or 0491, respectively, or via e-mail to the NRC at [RBS3.COLAEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:RBS3.COLAEIS@nrc.gov) no later than January 21, 2009.

Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting prior to the start of the session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the EIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Ms. Jessie M. Muir's attention no later than January 14, 2009, so that the NRC staff can determine

whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the scope of the RBS3 COL environmental review to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments must be postmarked or delivered by February 23, 2009. Electronic comments may be sent via e-mail to the NRC at [RBS3.COLAEIS@nrc.gov](mailto:RBS3.COLAEIS@nrc.gov). Electronic submissions must be sent no later than March 6, 2009, to be considered in the scoping process. Comments will be made available electronically and will be accessible through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Participation in the scoping process for the EIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the EIS relates. Notice of a hearing and opportunity to request leave to intervene in the proceeding on the application for COL will be published in a future **Federal Register** notice.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached on the scope of the environmental review, including the significant issues identified, and will send this summary to each participant in the scoping process for whom the staff has an address. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft EIS, which will be the subject of a separate **Federal Register** notice and a separate public meeting. Copies of the draft EIS will be available for public inspection at the PDR through the above-mentioned address and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of comments on the draft EIS, the NRC will prepare a final EIS, which will also be available to the public.

Information about the proposed action, the EIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Andrew Kugler at 301-415-2828 or via e-mail at [Andrew.Kugler@nrc.gov](mailto:Andrew.Kugler@nrc.gov), or Ms. Jessie M. Muir at 301-415-0491 or via e-mail at [Jessie.Muir@nrc.gov](mailto:Jessie.Muir@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of December 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Scott C. Flanders**,  
 Director, Division of Site and Environmental Reviews, Office of New Reactors.  
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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Determination Regarding Waiver of Discriminatory Purchasing Requirements With Respect to Goods and Services Covered by Chapter Nine of the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Determination under Trade Agreements Act of 1979.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 1, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean Heilman Grier, Senior Procurement Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9476, or Katherine Tai, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9589.

On January 19, 2006, the United States and Oman entered into the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement ("Oman FTA"). Chapter Nine of the Oman FTA sets forth certain obligations with respect to government procurement of goods and services, as specified in Annex 9 of the Oman FTA. On September 26, 2006, the President signed into law the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("the Oman FTA Act") (Pub. L. 109-283, 120 Stat. 1191) (19 U.S.C. 3805 note). In section 101(a) of the Oman FTA Act, the Congress approved the Oman FTA. The Oman FTA entered into force on January 1, 2009.

Section 1-201 of Executive Order 12260 of December 31, 1980 (46 FR 1653) delegates the functions of the President under Sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 ("the Trade Agreements Act") (19 U.S.C. 2511, 2512) to the United States Trade Representative.

Now, therefore, I, Susan C. Schwab, United States Trade Representative, in conformity with the provisions of Sections 301 and 302 of the Trade Agreements Act, and Executive Order 12260, and in order to carry out U.S. obligations under Chapter Nine of the Oman FTA, do hereby determine that:

1. Oman is a country, other than a major industrialized country, which, pursuant to the Oman FTA, will provide appropriate reciprocal competitive government procurement opportunities

to United States products and suppliers of such products. In accordance with Section 301(b)(3) of the Trade Agreements Act, Oman is so designated for purposes of Section 301(a) of the Trade Agreements Act.

2. With respect to eligible products of Oman (*i.e.*, goods and services covered by the Schedules of the United States in Annex 9 of the Oman FTA) and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, regulation, procedure, or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than accorded—

(A) To United States products and suppliers of such products; or

(B) To eligible products of another foreign country or instrumentality which is a party to the Agreement on Government Procurement referred to in section 101(d)(17) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(17)) and suppliers of such products, shall be waived.

With respect to Oman, this waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in the Schedules of the United States in Section A and in List A of Section B of Annex 9 of the Oman FTA.

3. The designation in paragraph 1 and the waiver in paragraph 2 are subject to modification or withdrawal by the United States Trade Representative.

Dated: December 30, 2008.

**Susan C. Schwab,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-19; Order No. 160]

### International Mail Contracts

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a recently-filed Postal Service notice of a new global expedited package services contract. It addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

**DATES:** Comments due January 5, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

On December 23, 2008, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 1 (GEPS 1) contract.<sup>1</sup> GEPS 1 provides volume-based incentives for mailers that send large volumes of Express Mail International (EMI) and/or Priority Mail International (PMI). The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS agreements, and supported by the Governors' Decision filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.<sup>2</sup> Notice at 1-2. It further notes that in Order No. 86 which established GEPS 1 as a product, the Commission held that additional contracts may be included as part of the GEPS 1 product if they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and if they are functionally equivalent to the initial GEPS 1 contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.<sup>3</sup> Notice at 1.

**The instant contract.** The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. It submitted the contract and supporting material under seal, and attached a redacted copy of the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) to the Notice. *Id.* at 1-2.

The Notice addresses reasons why the instant GEPS 1 contract fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS 1, explains expiration terms, and discusses the Postal Service's interest in confidential treatment for the contract and related material.<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 2-3. It also provides the Postal Service's rationale for concluding that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the initial contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5. The Postal Service requests that this contract be included within the GEPS product. *Id.* at 3-5.

### II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-19 for consideration of

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, December 23, 2008 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. CP2008-5, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Establishment of Prices and Classifications for Global Expedited Package Services Contracts (Governors' Decision No. 08-7), May 6, 2008, and United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Redacted Copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7, July 23, 2008.

<sup>3</sup> See PRC Order No. 86, Order Concerning Global Expedited Package Services Contracts, June 27, 2008, at 7 (Order No. 86).

<sup>4</sup> Contract expiration is set to expire one year after the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulating approvals have been obtained. *Id.* at 2.

matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3622, or 3642. Comments are due no later than January 5, 2009. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in the captioned filings.

#### *It is Ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-19 for consideration of the matters raised in this docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than January 5, 2009.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for the publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Steven W. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-18; Order No. 159]

### International Mail Contracts

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a recently-filed Postal Service notice of an additional Global Direct Contracts agreement. It addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

**DATES:** Comments are due January 5, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

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