Week of January 26, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 26, 2009.

Week of February 2, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 2, 2009.

Week of February 9, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of February 9, 2009.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Nilesch Chokshi,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2009.

PLACE: Commissioners’ Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of January 5, 2009

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 5, 2009.

Week of January 12, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 12, 2009.

Week of January 19, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of January 19, 2009.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3652 of title 39 of the United States Code requires the Postal Service to file a report with the Postal Regulatory Commission on the costs, revenues, rates, and quality of service associated with its products within 90 days after the close of each fiscal year. That section requires that the Postal Service’s annual report be sufficiently detailed to allow the Commission and the public to determine whether the rates charged and the service provided comply with all of the requirements of title 39. See 39 U.S.C. 3652(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A). The Postal Service filed its annual compliance report for FY 2008 with the Commission on December 29, 2008. Appended to it are four major sets of data: (1) The Cost and Revenue Analysis (CRA); (2) the International Cost and Revenue Analysis (ICRA); (3) the models of costs avoided by worksharing; and (4) billing determinant information.

After receiving the FY 2008 ACR, the Commission is required under 39 U.S.C. 3653 to provide an opportunity to comment to the interested public and an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public. A public representative (officer of the Commission) will be designated in a subsequent notice to be issued in the near future. The Commission hereby solicits public comment on the degree to which the Postal Service’s operations and financial results comply with the policies of title 39. Comments by interested persons are due on or before January 30, 2009. Reply comments are due on or before February 13, 2009. After completing its review of the FY 2008 ACR, public comments, and any other information submitted in this proceeding, the Commission will issue an Annual Compliance Determination (ACD).

The Commission is aware that the comment periods in annual compliance report proceedings are brief when one considers the complexity of the issues involved. However, the statute affords the Commission 90 days to digest the report filed by the Postal Service and evaluate the Postal Service’s compliance with the broad range of policies articulated in title 39. Expediting public comment is essential if the Commission is to have sufficient time to take the public’s concerns into account in making its evaluation.

This is the second compliance report filed by the Postal Service since passage of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) of 2006. The first compliance report was filed on December 28, 2007, and covered FY 2007. FY 2007 was a transitional period during which the rate-setting criteria of the former Postal Reorganization Act (PRA) remained in force. The fact that FY 2007 was a transitional period presented the Postal Service with a difficult task. The Commission therefore reviewed the Postal Service’s rates and service under the standards of the PAEA with due regard for the “rule,” this year, some still remains” confronted by the Postal Service and with appreciation for “the good faith effort of the Postal Service to provide useful available information.” Id.

The Commission stated that “[i]n future years, when the Postal Service has the benefit of * * * rules [keyed to the evaluation of the PAEA’s standards], a more rigorous level of scrutiny will be more justifiable.” Id.

The Postal Service states that although the transition issues are “less acute” this year, some still remains. As an example, the Postal Service points to the fact that the lists of market dominant and competitive products in the Mail Classification Schedule were not finalized until after the start of FY 2008. Moreover, the Postal Service notes that final rules governing the form and content of the annual compliance report have not yet been issued.

Among the materials submitted by the Postal Service as part of its filing is a document identified as USPS–FY08–9 which serves as a roadmap summarizing other materials submitted as part of the FY 2008 ACR and discussing changes in methodologies from the Commission’s methodologies in the FY 2007 ACD.

The Postal Service states that the major sets of materials and the formats in which they are presented should be familiar to the Commission and those persons who have participated in earlier postal rate proceedings. The one

2. With respect to eligible products of Costa Rica (i.e., goods and services covered by the Schedules of the United States in Annex 9.1.2(b)(i) of the CAFTA–DR 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 Costa Rica, this waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in the Schedules of the United States in Section A of Annex 9.1.2(b)(i) and in List A of Section B of Annex 9.1.2(b)(i) of the CAFTA–DR.

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


Susan C. Schwab,
United States Trade Representative.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
[Docket No. ACR2008; Order No. 161]

FY 2008 Annual Compliance Report; Comment Request

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is establishing a docket for consideration of the Postal Service’s compliance with statutory provisions pertaining to costs, revenues, rates, and quality of service. The Postal Service’s recently-filed FY 2008 report forms the basis for consideration. The public is invited to comment.

DATES: Comments are due January 30, 2009. Reply comments are due February 13, 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.


2 Included among the difficulties faced by the Postal Service was the fact that it “did not have experience producing annual cost, revenue, and volume figures so quickly after the close of the fiscal year.” FY 2007 ACR at 9. In addition, many of the Postal Service’s products “did not have service standards and service measurement procedures in effect during FY 2007.” Id. at 8. The rates that were charged during FY 2007 were also established under similar, but different, policies of the PRA. Id.

3 On August 28, 2008, the Commission instituted rulemaking proceedings, in which it proposed new periodic reporting rules to implement all of the PAEA’s provisions intended to make the Postal Service’s operations and finances transparent and accountable. Docket No. RM2008–4, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Prescribing Form and Content of Periodic Reports, August 22, 2008. The Commission is reviewing the initial and reply comments submitted in that proceeding.