

whether the planned increase is only the result of “objective, external factors” contemplated by Order No. 216. If the increase is based on other terms of the contract that are not “objective, external factors,” *i.e.*, based on Article 9, paragraph 2, of the contract, then it must be subject to the usual requirements of a competitive rate change set forth in 39 CFR 3015.5.

Because the basis for the price change in the Notice is not clear, the Commission reopens Docket No. CP2009–29 to review the proposed price change and give interested persons the opportunity to comment on whether the Postal Service’s proposed rate increase is based on “objective, external factors.” If the change is based on such factors, Commission review may be unnecessary under the terms of Order No. 216. Comments may also address, if appropriate, whether the filings in the captioned docket are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3652 and 39 CFR part 3015 and 39 CFR 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than January 5, 2010.

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission reopens Docket No. CP2009–29 for consideration of the issues raised in this order.

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

3. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than January 5, 2010.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,

Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009–36; Order No. 369]

Postal Product Price Changes

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to change prices for a Direct Entry Parcels contract. This notice provides an opportunity for the public to comment.

DATES: Comments are due: January 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT” by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Postal Service Filing
- II. Comments
- III. Ordering Paragraphs

I. Postal Service Filing

On December 21, 2009, the Postal Service filed a notice of a change in prices under the Direct Entry Parcels contract.¹

Background. On July 31, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 264 adding Direct Entry Parcels 1 (MC2009–26 and CP2009–36) to the Competitive Product List.² In that order, the Commission noted that the Direct Entry Parcels 1 contract “includes provisions that would permit price changes during the 1–year term of the contract.” *Id.* at 9. Price changes could result either from changes in the prices charged by Canada Post Corporation for Xpresspost, or from changes in costs incurred by the Postal Service relative to a specified threshold. *Id.* at 10. Order No. 264 directed the Postal Service to file a notice of any such price changes with the Commission prior to their effective date. *Id.*

Notice. The Postal Service states that the price changes it is proposing are “not the sort of automatic change[s] based on external, objective factors for which the Commission has permitted a relatively streamlined, notice-type filing procedure.” Notice at 1, n.1.³ The Postal Service’s Notice includes (1) A redacted copy of the notice to the customer of new prices and supporting documentation establishing compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Change in Prices, December 21, 2009 (Notice).

² Docket Nos. MC2009–26 and CP2009–36, Order Concerning Direct Entry Parcels, International Return Service and Harmonization Service Negotiated Service Agreements, July 31, 2009 (Order No. 264).

³ Footnote 1 of the Notice refers to PRC Order No. 216, Docket No. CP2009–2, Order Concerning Filing of Additional Global Direct Contracts Negotiated Service Agreement, May 15, 2009, at 7 (Order No. 216). Order No. 216 permitted the Postal Service to make notice-type filings for non-discretionary price changes under Global Direct Contracts due to exchange rate fluctuations and Canada Post Corporation price changes.

3015.5;⁴ and (2) the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2).⁵ Non-redacted copies of the customer notice and the certified statement have been filed under seal. The Notice also includes an application for non-public treatment of the non-redacted documents.⁶

II. Comments

Interested persons may submit comments on the Postal Service’s December 21, 2009 filing no later than January 5, 2010. The public portion of the filing can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Emmett Rand Costich to serve as the Public Representative in this proceeding.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission reopens Docket No. CP2009–36 to consider the price changes proposed in the Postal Service’s December 21, 2009 filing.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Emmett Rand Costich is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are to be filed no later than January 5, 2010.

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

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Public Access Policies for Science and Technology Funding Agencies Across the Federal Government

AGENCY: Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 9, 2009, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) within the Executive Office of the President, published a notice requesting input from the community regarding enhancing public access to archived publications resulting from

⁴ Attachment 1 to the Notice.

⁵ Attachment 2 to the Notice.

⁶ Attachment 3 to the Notice.