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**I. Introduction**

On August 30, 2010, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into two additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 (GEPS 3) contracts.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service believes the instant contracts are functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS contracts, and are supported by Governors' Decision No. 08-7, attached to the Notice and originally filed in Docket No. CP2008-4. *Id.* at 1, Attachment 3. The Notice explains that Order No. 86, which established GEPS 1 as a product, also authorized functionally equivalent agreements to be included within the product, provided that they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 2. In Order No. 290, the Commission approved the GEPS 2 product.<sup>2</sup> In Order No. 503, the Commission approved the GEPS 3 product. Additionally, the Postal Service requested to have the contract in Docket No. CP2010-71 serve as the baseline contract for future functional equivalence analyses of the GEPS 3 product.

*The instant contracts.* The Postal Service filed the instant contracts pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that each contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. The term of each contract is one year from the date the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulatory approvals have been received. Notice at 3.

In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

- Attachments 1A and 1B—redacted copies of the two contracts and applicable annexes;
- Attachments 2A and 2B—certified statements required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) for each contract;
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7, which establishes prices and classifications for

GEPS contracts, a description of applicable GEPS contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis of the formulas, and certification of the Governors' vote; and

- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contracts and supporting documents under seal.

The Notice advances reasons why the instant GEPS 3 contracts fit within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS. The Postal Service identifies customer-specific information and general contract terms that distinguish the instant contracts from the baseline GEPS 3 agreement. *Id.* at 4-5. It states that the differences, which include price variations based on updated costing information and volume commitments, do not alter the contracts' functional equivalency. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service asserts that "[b]ecause the agreements incorporate the same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant characteristics of these two GEPS contracts are similar, if not the same, as the relevant characteristics of previously filed contracts." *Id.*

The Postal Service concludes that its filings demonstrate that each of the new GEPS 3 contracts complies with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the baseline GEPS 3 contract. Therefore, it requests that the instant contracts be included within the GEPS 3 product. *Id.* at 5.

**II. Notice of Filing**

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. CP2010-102 and CP2010-103 for consideration of matters related to the contracts identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

These dockets are addressed on a consolidated basis for purposes of this order. Filings with respect to a particular contract should be filed in that docket.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contracts are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than September 8, 2010. 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 proceedings.

**III. Ordering Paragraphs**

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. CP2010-102 and CP2010-103 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than September 8, 2010.

3. 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.

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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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. A2010-6; Order No. 527]

**Post Office Closing**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Renfro Valley Post Office, Renfro Valley, Kentucky 40473, has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service, petitioner, and others to take appropriate action.

**DATES:** Deadline for filing administrative record: September 9, 2010. *See* the Procedural Schedule for other important dates.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit filings electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot file electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), the Commission has received an appeal of the closing of the Renfro Valley Post Office, Renfro Valley, Kentucky 40473. The appeal, which appears to be postmarked August 19, 2010, was received by the Commission on August 25, 2010. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and designates the case as Docket No. A2010-6 to consider the petitioner's appeal. If the petitioner would like to further explain his position with supplemental information

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Two Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreements and Application For Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, August 30, 2010 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Docket No. CP2009-50, Order Granting Clarification and Adding Global Expedited Package Services 2 to the Competitive Product List, August 28, 2009 (Order No. 290).

or facts, he may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission by no later than September 29, 2010.

*Categories of issues apparently raised.* The categories of issues that appear to be raised include: Effect on the community. See 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(i).

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than the one set forth above, or that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues. The deadline for the Postal Service to file the administrative record with the Commission is September 9, 2010. 39 CFR 3001.113.

*Availability; Web site posting.* The Commission has posted the appeal and supporting material on its Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Additional filings in this case and participants' submissions also will be posted on the Web site, if provided in electronic format or amenable to conversion, and not subject to a valid protective order. Information on how to use the Commission's Web site is available online or by contacting the Commission's webmaster via telephone at 202-789-6873 or via electronic mail at [prc-webmaster@prc.gov](mailto:prc-webmaster@prc.gov).

The appeal and all related documents are also available for public inspection in the Commission's docket section. Docket section hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal government holidays. Docket section personnel may be contacted via electronic mail at [prc-dockets@prc.gov](mailto:prc-dockets@prc.gov) or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

*Filing of documents.* All filings of documents in this case shall be made using the Internet (Filing Online) pursuant to Commission rules 9(a) and 10(a) at the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained. 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 10(a). Instructions for obtaining an account to file documents online may be found on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, or by contacting the Commission's docket section at [prc-dockets@prc.gov](mailto:prc-dockets@prc.gov) or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

*Intervention.* Those, other than the petitioner and respondent, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention. See 39 CFR 3001.111(b). Notices of intervention are due on or before September 27, 2010. A notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. See 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 10(a).

*Further procedures.* By statute, the Commission is required to issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed. See 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5). A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit information or memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. As required by the Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. 39 CFR 3001.21.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Postal Service shall file the administrative record in this appeal, or otherwise file a responsive pleading to the appeal, by September 9, 2010.

2. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Cassandra L. Hicks is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.

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

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
Secretary.

#### PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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| August 25, 2010 .....    | Filing of Appeal.   |
| September 9, 2010 .....  | Deadline for Postal Service to file administrative record in this appeal or responsive pleading.  |
| September 27, 2010 ..... | Deadline for petitions to intervene (see 39 CFR 3001.111(b)).   |
| September 29, 2010 ..... | Deadline for petitioner's Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition (see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)).   |
| October 19, 2010 .....   | Deadline for answering brief in support of Postal Service (see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)).   |
| November 3, 2010 .....   | Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs (see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)).   |
| November 10, 2010 .....  | Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings (see 39 CFR 3001.116). |
| December 17, 2010 .....  | Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)).   |

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### U.S. National Climate Assessment Objectives, Proposed Topics, and Next Steps

**ACTION:** Notice of Publication of National Climate Assessment (NCA) Objectives, Proposed Topics, and Next Steps and Request for Public Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to enhance the value of the National

Climate Assessment (NCA), a project of the U.S. Global Change Research Program, by engaging people who are interested in climate issues and requesting specific input on the outline for the next NCA synthesis report, to be delivered to Congress and published in June 2013. This notice refers to the NCA Objectives, Proposed Topics, and Next Steps (<http://globalchange.gov/hat-we-do/assessment/notices>). Public comments received on these documents will be evaluated and, if appropriate, used to inform the NCA structure and process. Updates on the NCA structure and process will be posted on the NCA Web site ([http://globalchange.gov/what-](http://globalchange.gov/what-we-do/assessment)

[we-do/assessment](http://globalchange.gov/what-we-do/assessment)) as they are available. Comments will also be provided to the Federal Advisory Committee for the NCA, the "National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee," when it is constituted this fall. All comments will be collated and posted on the NCA Web site.

*Response Instructions:* The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the U.S. Global Change Research Program are interested in comments on the NCA Objectives, Proposed Topics, and Next Steps. When submitting your response, please indicate the (1) Objectives, (2) Proposed Topics, or (3) Next Steps heading to