

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820 (case-related information) or DocketAdmins@prc.gov (electronic filing assistance).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), on July 27, 2011, the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the post office in Pilot Grove, Iowa. The first petition was filed by Sylvan J. Nichting and is postmarked July 18, 2011. The second petition was filed by Joan M. Nichting and is postmarked July 19, 2011. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and establishes Docket No. A2011-35 to consider Petitioners' appeal. If Petitioners' would like to further explain their position with supplemental information or facts, Petitioners may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission no later than August 31, 2011.

Categories of issues apparently raised. Petitioners contend that the Postal Service failed to consider the effect of the closing 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 applicable administrative record with the Commission is August 11, 2011. See 39 CFR 3001.113. In addition, the due date for any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this notice is August 11, 2011.

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 Commission's 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.

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 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. See 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a). Instructions for obtaining an account to file documents online may be found on the Commission's Web site or by contacting the Commission's docket section at prc-dockets@prc.gov or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

The Commission reserves the right to redact personal information which may infringe on an individual's privacy rights from documents filed in this proceeding.

Intervention. Persons, other than Petitioners 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 in this case are to be filed on or before August 26, 2011. A notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's Web site unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. See 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a).

Further procedures. By statute, the Commission is required to issue its decision within 120 days from the date it receives the appeal. 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. See 39 CFR 3001.21.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service shall file the applicable administrative record regarding this appeal no later than August 11, 2011.
2. Any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this notice is due no later than August 11, 2011.
3. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.
4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Emmett Rand Costich is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.
5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.
Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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| July 27, 2011 | Filing of Appeal. |
| August 11, 2011 | Deadline for the Postal Service to file the applicable administrative record in this appeal. |
| August 11, 2011 | Deadline for the Postal Service to file any responsive pleading. |
| August 26, 2011 | Deadline for notices to intervene (see 39 CFR 3001.111(b)). |
| August 31, 2011 | Deadline for Petitioners' Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition (see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)). |
| September 20, 2011 | Deadline for answering brief in support of the Postal Service (see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)). |
| October 5, 2011 | Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs (see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)). |
| October 12, 2011 | 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). |
| November 16, 2011 | Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)). |

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2011-66; Order No. 784]

Postal Rate Changes

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to change rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 rates. This notice

addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

DATES: *Comments are due:* August 11, 2011. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** submitted by *Postal Service due:* August 8, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by accessing the "Filing Online" link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On July 28, 2011, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing changes in rates not of general applicability for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 effective January 1, 2012.¹ The Postal Service incorporates by reference a listing of countries in each pricing tier and the description of Inbound International Expedited Services 2 contained in the supporting documentation filed in Docket Nos. MC2009-10, CP2009-12 and CP2009-57. *Id.* at 2 and n.4. The following four documents are attached to the Notice: (1) An application for non-public treatment of specific materials; (2) Redacted Governors' Decision No. 08-20 establishing the Inbound Express Mail International (EMS) classification along with a certified statement establishing compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633; (3) A redacted copy of the 2012 rates; and (4) A certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2).

II. Background

The Notice states that in Docket No. MC2009-10, the Governors established

prices and classifications not of general applicability for Inbound Express Mail International. *Id.* at 1. In Order No. 162, the Commission added Inbound International Expedited Service 2 to the competitive product list as a new product under Express Mail, Inbound International Expedited Services.² The rates took effect on January 1, 2009. In Order No. 281, the Commission accepted the change in rates not of general applicability for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 effective January 1, 2010.³ The Commission also directed the Postal Service to provide the 2010 EMS Pay-for-Performance Plan as approved by the EMS Cooperative of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). On February 17, 2010, the Postal Service provided the requested information.⁴ In Order No. 523, the Commission accepted the change in rates not of general applicability for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 effective January 1, 2011.⁵ The Postal Service also provided a copy of the 2011 EMS Pay-for-Performance Plan as directed by the Commission.⁶

In accordance with the provisions of the EMS Cooperative of the UPU, rates for the delivery of inbound Express Mail International must be communicated to the UPU by August 31 of the year before which they are to take effect. As a member of the EMS Cooperative, the Postal Service may not change its rates for the coming year after August 31.

The Postal Service indicates that it proposes no changes to the classification of Inbound International Expedited Services 2 included with its Notice. Notice at 2. It acknowledges that it incorporates by reference the explanations of the Inbound International Expedited Services 2 contained in its Request in Docket Nos. MC2009-10 and CP2009-12 and other materials filed in Docket No. CP2009-57. In Docket No. CP2009-57, the Postal Service explained that, "the two-tiered rate structure for Inbound Expedited

² See Docket Nos. MC2009-10 and CP2009-12, Order Adding Inbound International Expedited Services 2 to Competitive Product List, December 31, 2008 (Order No.162).

³ See Docket No. CP2009-57, Order Concerning Filing of Changes in Rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, August 19, 2009 (Order No. 281).

⁴ See Docket No. CP2009-57, Response of the United States Postal Service to Order No. 281, Notice of Filing Requested Materials, and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, February 17, 2010.

⁵ See Docket No. CP2010-90, Order Concerning Filing of Changes in Rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, August 23, 2010 (Order No. 523).

⁶ See Docket No. CP2010-90, Response of the United States Postal Service to Order No. 515, August 19, 2010.

Services exists as a result of the EMS Cooperative's expectation that all of its members will participate in the Pay-for-Performance Plan." *Id.*

The Postal Service asserts that its filing demonstrates compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 3.

III. Supplemental Information

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.6, the Commission requests the Postal Service to provide the following supplemental information by August 8, 2011:

- The Postal Service's EMS Cooperative Report Cards, including performance measurements, for calendar year 2010.

IV. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2011-66 for consideration of matters related to the issues 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, 3633 or 3642. Comments are due no later than August 11, 2011. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints James F. Callow as Public Representative in this proceeding.

V. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2011-66 for consideration of the issues raised in this docket.

2. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than August 11, 2011.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interest 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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¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Material Filed Under Seal, July 28, 2011 (Notice).