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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent by email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

SF 3102 is used by an employee or an annuitant covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System to designate a beneficiary to receive any lump sum due in the event of his/her death.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Designation of Beneficiary (FERS).

OMB Number: 3206-0173.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 3,888.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 972.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Katherine Archuleta,
Director.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2015-4; Order No. 2327]

Market Dominant Price Adjustment

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service notice announcing inflation-based rate adjustments affecting market dominant domestic and international products and services, along with four temporary mailing promotions and numerous proposed classification changes. The adjustments and other changes are scheduled to take effect April 26, 2015. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* February 4, 2015.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On January 15, 2015, the Postal Service filed a notice of inflation-based rate adjustments affecting market dominant domestic and international products and services, along with four temporary mailing promotions and numerous proposed classification changes.¹ The intended effective date is April 26, 2015. Notice at 1.

The Notice, which was filed pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 39 CFR part 3010, triggers an expedited notice-and-comment proceeding.² The Notice is also more complex than the typical annual adjustment filing due to the impact of surcharges associated with the exigent rate case (Docket No. R2013-11)

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment, January 15, 2015 (Notice). The Notice includes a set of attachments filed as a separate public pdf.

² This is a Type 1-A proceeding. See 39 CFR part 3010, subparts A-C for additional information, including the controlling consumer price index, and Notice at 3.

and the issue of rate design, especially new and merged rate cells.³ The Postal Service addresses the impact on rate design in its Notice. Notice at 16-17. The Postal Service also presents two sets of rates: With and without the exigent surcharges. See *id.*, Attachment A, Part I and Part II.

II. Overview

A. Filing Details

Contents in general. The Postal Service's filing consists of a detailed Notice which addresses the data and information required under 39 CFR 3010.13; five attachments⁴ to the Notice; and six sets of workpapers filed as library references.

Attachments. Attachment A, Part I presents the proposed Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) changes (in legislative format) with prices that reflect base (Docket No. R2013-10) prices plus the new proposed increases without the exigent surcharges. Attachment A, Part II presents the MCS changes with prices (base plus the new proposed increases) that include the exigent (Docket No. R2013-11) surcharges.⁵ The other attachments address workshare discounts and related information; the price cap calculation; the 2015 mailing promotions and incentives calendar; and adjusted exigent surcharges for new rate cells. See *id.* Attachments B-E, respectively.

Library references. The library references present supporting financial documentation for the five classes of mail and for First-Class Mail International. See Notice at 4-5. The First-Class Mail International Library Reference was filed under seal.⁶

B. Planned Price Adjustments

The Postal Service's planned percentage changes by class are, on average:

Market dominant class	Price adjustment authority (%)
First-Class Mail	1.949
Standard Mail	1.886
Periodicals	1.965

³ See Docket No. R2013-11, Order No. 1926, Order Granting Exigent Price Increase, December 24, 2013.

⁴ Notice, Attachments A-E. Attachment A also assumes First-Class Mail Parcels, which are the subject of a pending transfer request in Docket No. MC2015-7, are a market dominant product. See Notice at 20, n.12.

⁵ The Postal Service adopts the November 24, 2014 MCS as the base version for showing proposed changes. See *id.* at 53, n.27.

⁶ See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing of USPS-LR-R2015-4/NP1, January 15, 2015.

Market dominant class	Price adjustment authority (%)
Package Services	1.964
Special Services	0.234

Notice at 5.

Nature of adjustments. Most of the planned adjustments entail increases to market dominant rates and fees; however, in a few instances, the Postal Service proposes either no adjustment or a decrease. In addition, price adjustments for products within classes vary from the average, sometimes substantially. See, e.g., *id.* at 17, 21 (Table 5 showing range for First-Class Mail products) and (Table 7 showing range for Standard Mail products).

Proposed classification changes. The Postal Service proposes numerous classification changes in its Notice. *Id.* at 53–55. It identifies the impact on the MCS in Attachment A, Part I and Part II.

Calendar year promotions. The Postal Service seeks approval for the following four promotions for the periods indicated:

- Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion (May–July 2015);
- Advanced and Emerging Technology Promotion (May–October 2015);
- Color Transpromo Promotion (June–November 2015); and
- Mail Drives Mobile Engagement Promotion (July–December 2015).

Id. at 7–8.

Note to all interested persons. The Notice and related filings, including library references, provide important additional details concerning the planned adjustments, mailing promotions, and classification changes. The Commission strongly encourages interested persons to carefully review the Notice and all related filings, including new MCS language relating to changes corresponding to the exigent surcharges, and to monitor the Commission's Web site for additional information, including potential revisions to the Notice.

III. Initial Administrative Actions

Public notice. The Commission hereby provides public notice of the Postal Service's filing and pursuant to rule 3010.14 establishes Docket No. R2015–4 to consider the planned price adjustments in rates and fees for market dominant postal products and services, as well as the related classification changes, identified in the Postal Service's January 15, 2015 Notice. The Commission invites comments from interested persons on whether the

Notice is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3622 and the requirements of 39 CFR part 3010. Comments are due no later than February 4, 2015.

Availability of documents. The Commission has posted the public portions of the Postal Service's filing on its Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. The Commission will post revisions to the filing (if any) or other documents the Postal Service submits in this docket on its Web site, along with related Commission documents, comments, or other submissions, unless such filings are the subject of an application for non-public treatment. The Commission's policy on access to documents filed under seal appears in 39 CFR part 3007.

Public Representative. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints James Waclawski to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. R2015–4 to consider planned price adjustments in rates and fees for market dominant postal products and services and related classification changes identified in the Postal Service's January 15, 2015 Notice.

2. Comments on the planned price adjustments and related classification changes are due no later than February 4, 2015.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James Waclawski is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

5. The Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to arrange for prompt publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,

Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

New Mailing Standards for Lithium Batteries

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service will revise Publication 52, *Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail* (Publication 52), in various sections to provide new standards for the mailing of lithium batteries. Publication 52 was developed to provide expanded requirements for

the mailing of hazardous, restricted, and perishable materials.

DATES: *Effective date:* March 2, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Hall (212) 330–5332 or Kevin Gunther (202) 268–7208.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

U.S. Postal Service® Publication 52 provides mailing standards specific to hazardous, restricted and perishable items and materials. Pursuant to the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) 601.8.2, Publication 52 applies to the mailability of hazardous materials, including lithium batteries.

Revisions to Publication 52

The Postal Service is making these revisions in order to align with the Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) recent changes to regulations for the transportation of lithium batteries.

On August 6, 2014, PHMSA issued a final rule (79 FR 46012–46040) titled “*Hazardous Materials: Transportation of Lithium Batteries*” in which it describes new requirements governing the shipment of lithium cells and batteries for both air and surface transportation. In this final rule, PHMSA revises hazard communication and packaging provisions for lithium batteries and harmonizes the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) with applicable provisions of the United Nations (UN) Model Regulations, the International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (ICAO Technical Instructions) and the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

With these revisions, the Postal Service aligns with PHMSA and the other regulatory entities noted above with regard to:

1. Use of terminology describing lithium content with watt-hours for lithium-ion cells and batteries;

2. Adoption of separate shipping descriptions for lithium metal batteries and lithium-ion batteries;

3. New requirements for the transport of small lithium cells and batteries contained in equipment; and

4. New marking requirements and options for lithium batteries installed in equipment packaged with equipment and shipped without equipment.

In the development of mailing standards for lithium cells and batteries in air transportation, the Postal Service