

After a complete review of the public comments presented at the public hearings and in the written submissions, we will publish a document (or documents) in the **Federal Register** announcing the specific topics for which we intend to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee and a request for nominations for individual negotiators for the committee who represent the communities of interest that would be significantly affected by the proposed regulations. This document will also be posted on the Department's Web site at: www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2016/index.html.

Public Hearings

We will hold two public hearings for interested parties to discuss the rulemaking agenda. The public hearings will be held:

- September 10, 2015, at the U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW., Eighth Floor Conference Center, Washington, DC 20006.
- September 16, 2015, at the Courtyard San Francisco Downtown, 299 2nd Street, Rincon Hill Room, San Francisco, CA 94105.

The public hearings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., local time. Further information on the public hearing sites is available at www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2016/index.html.

Individuals who would like to present comments at the public hearings must register by sending an email to negreghearing@ed.gov. The email should include the name of the presenter along with the public hearing at which the individual would like to speak, and a general timeframe during which the individual would like to speak (for example, a presenter could indicate morning or afternoon, or before 11:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m.). We will attempt to accommodate each speaker's preference, but, if we are unable to do so, we will make the determination on a first-come first-served basis (based on the time and date the email was received). It is likely that each participant will be limited to five minutes. The Department will notify registrants of the location and time slot reserved for them. An individual may make only one presentation at the public hearings. If we receive more registrations than we are able to accommodate, the Department reserves the right to reject the registration of an entity or individual that is affiliated with an entity or individual that is already scheduled to present comments, and to select among registrants to ensure that a broad range of entities and

individuals is allowed to present. We will accept walk-in registrations for any remaining time slots on a first-come first-served basis, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the public hearing at the Department's on-site registration table. Registration is not required to observe the public hearings.

The Department will post transcripts of the hearings to www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2016/index.html. Although the Department will not be filming the hearings, as this is a public meeting, speakers should be aware that they may be filmed or recorded by members of the public.

Speakers may submit written comments at the public hearings. In addition, the Department will accept written comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal, and by postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery, through September 16, 2015. (See the **ADDRESSES** section of this document for submission information.)

Schedule for Negotiations

We anticipate that any committee established after the public hearings will begin negotiations in January 2016, with the committee meeting for up to three sessions of approximately three days each at roughly monthly intervals. The committee will meet in the Washington, DC area. The dates and locations of these meetings will be published in a subsequent document in the **Federal Register**, and will be posted on the Department's Web site at: www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2016/index.html.

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Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Jamiene S. Studley, Deputy Under Secretary, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1098a.

Dated: August 18, 2015.

Jamiene S. Studley,

Deputy Under Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket No. RM2015-17; Order No. 2661]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports (Proposal Eight). This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* September 8, 2015. *Reply Comments are due:* September 22, 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 August 5, 2015, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding in order to consider changes

in analytical principles relating to periodic reports.¹ Proposal Eight is attached to the Petition and proposes an analytical method change related to the avoided costs for 5-Digit pallets Standard Mail Carrier Route flats discounts. Petition at 1.

This Petition was filed in response to Order No. 2472, which directed the Postal Service “to file a proposed methodology for determining the costs avoided for the 5-digit pallet presort Standard Mail Carrier Route flats workshare discount, as described in the body of [Order No. 2472], within 90 days of the date of [Order No. 2472].”²

II. Summary of Proposal

The Postal Service explains that prior to the planned price adjustments in Docket No. R2015–4, the Carrier Route product only afforded customers entry discounts. Petition, Proposal Eight at 1. The Postal Service’s price adjustment in Docket No. R2015–4 introduced a preparation discount on 5-Digit Carrier Route pallets. Proposal Eight seeks to modify the Standard Mail Flats Cost Model to produce estimates of mail processing cost avoidances for Carrier Route pieces on 5-Digit Carrier Route pallets. *Id.* The Petition states that the general architecture of the model is retained, but it is expanded to explicitly model the unique characteristics and flows of Carrier Route flats. *Id.*

The Petition further states that when a commercial mailer has at least 250 pounds of Carrier Route mail destined in a 5-Digit or 5-Digit Scheme (Labeling List L001) the customer can prepare a Carrier Route pallet. Preparation of a Carrier Route pallet enables the Postal Service to cross-dock the pallet directly to the delivery unit and bypass bundle sortation operations. *Id.* at 1–2.

The structure and methodology used in estimating cost avoidances of Standard Mail Flats provide estimates of costs avoided for pieces prepared on Carrier Route pallets. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service explains that this model provides engineering cost estimates of bundles and pieces based on the preparation profile of pieces within each rate element. *Id.*

The Postal Service states that as in the model to estimate cost avoidances for Standard Mail Flats, the proposed

Carrier Route pallet cost avoidance model’s mail preparation profile is taken from the Mail Characteristics Study in USPS–FY14–14 to account for Carrier Route pieces on Carrier Route pallets and Carrier Route pieces on all other containers. The Postal Service asserts that the Carrier Route data from the Mail Characteristics Study in USPS–FY14–14 is modified to exclude pieces prepared in FSS bundles. *Id.* The new preparation profile includes only pieces that qualify for Carrier Route rates under the new qualification standards. *Id.*

The Postal Service’s methodology used to calculate bundle flow and piece flow are unchanged from the Standard Mail Flats Cost Model.³ *Id.* However, the Postal Service contends that the proposal amends the flow parameters within the model that are specific to Carrier Route.⁴

III. Initial Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015–17 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. Additional information concerning the Petition may be accessed via the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and Proposal Eight no later than September 8, 2015. Reply comments are due no later than September 22, 2015. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission designates Nina Yeh to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) representing the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015–17 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider a Proposed Change in Analytical Principles (Proposal Eight), filed August 5, 2015.

2. Comments are due no later than September 8, 2015. Reply comments are due no later than September 22, 2015.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Nina Yeh to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

³ Including all assumptions, for example the bundle breakage rate.

⁴ The Postal Service cites to the Excel files submitted with its petition in Docket No. RM2015–16, USPS–RM2015–16/1, August 5, 2015. *Compare*, e.g., File STD_FLATS_Order 2472.xlsx, tab CR Pallet Model with tab 5D Auto Model Rev.

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

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA–R05–OAR–2014–0660; FRL–9932–17–Region 5]

Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Alcoa BART

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a revision to the Alcoa Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) averaging time for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) in the Indiana State Implementation Plan (SIP). On July 23, 2014, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) submitted to EPA a revision to the daily NO_x emissions limits, changing from a rolling 24-hour average to a 24-hour daily average. IDEM provided an analysis showing that no significant increase in emissions will occur as a result of this change. EPA is approving this SIP revision because it will not interfere with attainment or maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R05–OAR–2014–0660, by one of the following methods:

1. www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* blakley.pamela@epa.gov.

3. *Fax:* (312) 692–2450.

4. *Mail:* Pamela Blakley, Chief, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

5. *Hand Delivery:* Pamela Blakley, Chief, Control Strategies Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Eight), August 5, 2015 (Petition).

² Docket No. R2015–4, Order on Revised Price Adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals and Package Services Products and Related Mail Classification Changes, May 7, 2015, at 63 (Order No. 2472).