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The Commission appoints Kenneth R. Moeller to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

### III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-48 and CP2016-63 to consider the matters raised in each docket.

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

3. Comments are due no later than January 4, 2016.

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

By the Commission.

**Stacy L. Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2016-4; Order No. 2918]

### International Mail Contract

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning a Type 2 rate adjustment and the filing of a related negotiated service agreement with Canada Post. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* January 5, 2016.

**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.

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### I. Introduction

On December 17, 2015, the Postal Service filed a notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.40 *et seq.*, announcing a Type 2 Rate Adjustment to improve default rates established under the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Acts.<sup>1</sup> The Notice concerns the Canada Post 2016 Agreement (Agreement),<sup>2</sup> the inbound portion of a bilateral agreement with Canada Post Corporation ("Canada Post" or "CPC") that the Postal Service contends is functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement with Koninklijke TNT Post B.V and TNT Post Pakketservice Benelux B.V. ("TNT Post"), ("the TNT Agreement").<sup>3</sup> The TNT Agreement is the baseline agreement that the Commission included within the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product on the market dominant product list of the Mail Classification Schedule. *Id.*

### II. Contents of Filing

The Postal Service's filing consists of the Notice, two attachments, and redacted and unredacted versions of an Excel file with supporting financial workpapers. Notice at 2. Attachment 1 is an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal with the Commission. *Id.* Attachment 2 is a redacted copy of the Agreement. *Id.* On December 22, 2015, the Postal Service filed a signed version of the agreement.<sup>4</sup>

The Agreement is the successor agreement to one previously found to be functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement in the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2010-35) product.<sup>5</sup> The Agreement provides that the effective date is February 1, 2016 for market dominant products. Notice, Attachment 2 at 8.

The Postal Service asserts that it is providing at least the 45 days advance

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, December 17, 2015, at 1 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> The Agreement replaces the Canada Post 2014 Agreement reviewed by the Commission in PRC Docket No. R2014-3. Docket No. R2014-3, Order No. 1940, Order Approving an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Canada Post Corporation), December 31, 2013.

<sup>3</sup> See Docket Nos. MC2010-35, R2010-5, and R2010-6, Order No. 549, Order Adding Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 to the Market Dominant Product List and Approving Included Agreements, September 30, 2010.

<sup>4</sup> See Docket Nos. CP2016-57 and R2016-4, Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Executed Agreement, December 22, 2015.

<sup>5</sup> See Order No. 549, *see also* Order No. 1940.

notice required under 39 CFR 3010.41; and identifies the parties to the Agreement as the United States Postal Service and Canada Post, the designated postal operator for handling letter-post originating in Canada. Notice at 3, 6. The Postal Service further asserts that the Agreement is intended to remain in effect until December 31, 2017. *Id.* at 4.

The Postal Service states that the Agreement includes negotiated pricing and settlement for various inbound letter-post products, including registered mail, small packets with delivery confirmation, and International Business Reply Service (IBRS). *Id.*

**Reporting requirements.** 39 CFR 3010.43 requires the Postal Service to submit a detailed data collection plan. In lieu of a special data collection plan for the Agreement, the Postal Service proposes to report information on the Agreement through the Annual Compliance Report. *Id.* at 8. The Postal Service also invokes, with respect to service performance measurement reporting under 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3), the standing exception in Order No. 996 for all agreements filed in the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product grouping.<sup>6</sup>

**Consistency with applicable statutory criteria.** The Postal Service observes that Commission review of a negotiated service agreement addresses three statutory criteria under 39 U.S.C. 3622(c)(10) as codified in 39 CFR 3010.40. These are whether the agreement: (1) Improves the Postal Service's net financial position or enhances the performance of operational functions; (2) will not cause unreasonable harm to the marketplace; and (3) will be available on public and reasonable terms to similarly situated mailers. Notice at 8. The Postal Service asserts that it addresses the first two criteria in its Notice and that the third criterion is inapplicable, as there are no entities similarly situated to Canada Post in terms of its ability to tender broad-based small packet flows from Canada or serve as a designated operator for letter-post originating in Canada. *Id.* at 8-9.

**Functional equivalence.** The Postal Service addresses reasons why it considers the Agreement functionally equivalent to the baseline TNT Agreement and requests that the Agreement be added to the market dominant product list within the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*, citing Docket No. R2012-2, Order Concerning an Additional Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 23, 2011, at 7 (Order No. 996).

Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product. *Id.* at 9–10, 13. The Postal Service identifies differences between the Agreement and the TNT Agreement, but asserts that these differences do not detract from the conclusion that the Agreement is functionally equivalent to the TNT Agreement. *Id.* at 10–13.

### III. Commission Action

The Commission, in conformance with rule 3010.44, establishes Docket No. R2016–4 to consider issues raised in the Notice. The Commission invites comments from interested persons on whether the Agreement is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3622 and the requirements of 39 CFR part 3010. Comments are due no later than January 5, 2016. The public portions of this filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Information on how to obtain access to non-public material appears in 39 CFR part 3007.

The Commission appoints Nina Yeh to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. R2016–4 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

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

3. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than January 5, 2016.

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

By the Commission.

**Stacy L. Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2016–47 and CP2016–62; Order No. 2916]

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the addition of Priority Mail Contract 170 to the competitive product list. This

notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* January 4, 2016.

**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.

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#### I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Contract 170 to the competitive product list.<sup>1</sup>

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted contract related to the proposed new product under 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. Request, Attachment B.

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed a copy of the contract, a copy of the Governors' Decision authorizing the product, proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule, a Statement of Supporting Justification, a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials. It also filed supporting financial workpapers.

#### II. Notice of Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016–47 and CP2016–62 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Priority Mail Contract 170 product and the related contract, respectively.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than January 4, 2016. The public portions of these filings can be

<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 170 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, December 22, 2015 (Request).

accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Curtis E. Kidd to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

### III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016–47 and CP2016–62 to consider the matters raised in each docket.

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

3. Comments are due no later than January 4, 2016.

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

By the Commission.

**Stacy L. Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

1. *Title and purpose of information collection:* Employer Reporting; 3220–0005.

Under Section 9 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), and Section 6 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), railroad employers are required to submit reports of employee service and compensation to the RRB as needed for administering the RRA and RUIA. To pay benefits due on a