

preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection on arts participation in the U.S: *Clearance Request for NEA 2017 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts*. Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by visiting [www.Reginfo.gov](http://www.Reginfo.gov).

**DATES:** Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202/395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is particularly interested in comments which:

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

*Agency:* National Endowment for the Arts.

*Title:* 2017 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts.

*OMB Number:* New.

*Frequency:* One Time.

*Affected Public:* American adults.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 36,000.

*Estimated time per respondent:* 10.0 minutes.

*Total burden hours:* 6,000 hours.

*Total annualized capital/startup costs:* 0.

*Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* 0.

*Description:* This request is for clearance of the 2017 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts (SPPA) to be conducted by the Census Bureau in July 2017 as a supplement to the Bureau of Labor Statistic's Current Population Survey. The SPPA is the field's premiere repeated cross sectional survey of individual attendance and involvement in arts and cultural activity. The data are circulated to interested researchers, and they are the basis for a range of NEA reports and independent research publications. The SPPA provides primary knowledge on the extent and nature of participation in the arts in the United States. Earlier SPPA surveys were conducted in 1982, 1985, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2008, and 2012 all of which were conducted by the Census Bureau except the 1997 study, which was conducted by a private contractor, Westat Inc. Reports on these data will be made publicly available on the NEA's Web site. The SPPA will provide primary knowledge on the extent and nature of participation in the arts in the United States. These data will also be used by the NEA as a contextual measure for one of the strategic goals identified in its FY 2014—FY 2018 strategic plan.

Dated: January 15, 2016.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. ACR2015; Order No. 3027]

### Postal Service Performance Report and Performance Plan

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On December 29, 2015, the Postal Service filed the FY 2015 Performance Report and FY 2016 Performance Plan with its FY 2014 Annual Compliance Report. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* February 26, 2016. *Reply Comments are due:* March 7, 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

Each fiscal year, the Postal Service prepares an annual performance plan and a report on program performance as required under 39 U.S.C. 2803 and 2804. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3652(g), the Postal Service filed its FY 2015 Annual Report in Docket No. ACR2015.<sup>1</sup> The FY 2015 Annual Report includes the FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan. Annual Report at 11–28.

The Commission must evaluate whether the Postal Service met its performance goals in FY 2015. See 39 U.S.C. 3653(d). The Commission may also provide recommendations to the Postal Service “related to the protection or promotion of public policy objectives set out in” title 39. *Id.*

#### II. Background

Prior to Docket No. ACR2013, the Commission analyzed performance reports and performance plans as part of the Annual Compliance Determination (ACD). The Commission later determined that its obligations under 39 U.S.C. 3653(d) are distinguishable from its ACD obligations under 39 U.S.C. 3653(b). In Docket Nos. ACR2013 and ACR2014, the Commission issued separate reports analyzing the Postal Service's performance reports and performance plans.<sup>2</sup> By issuing separate reports, the Commission provided more in-depth analysis of the Postal Service's performance goals.

As it did in Docket Nos. ACR2013 and ACR2014, the Commission will issue its

<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service 2015 Annual Report to Congress, Library Reference USPS-FY15-17, December 29, 2015 (FY 2015 Annual Report).

<sup>2</sup> Docket No. ACR2013, Postal Regulatory Commission, Review of Postal Service FY 2013 Performance Report and FY 2014 Performance Plan, July 7, 2014; Docket No. ACR2014, Postal Regulatory Commission, Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2014 Program Performance Report and FY 2015 Performance Plan, July 7, 2015.

analysis of the FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan separately from the FY 2015 ACD. To facilitate this review, the Commission is establishing a separate comment period and invites public comment to consider the following issues:

- Did the Postal Service meet its performance goals in FY 2015?
- Do the FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan meet applicable statutory requirements, including 39 U.S.C. 2803 and 2804?
- What recommendations should the Commission provide to the Postal Service that relate to protecting or promoting public policy objectives in title 39?
- What recommendations or observations should the Commission make concerning the Postal Service's strategic initiatives?<sup>3</sup>
- What other matters are relevant to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan under 39 U.S.C. 3653(d)?

### III. Request for Comments

Comments by interested persons are due no later than February 26, 2016. Reply comments are due no later than March 7, 2016. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket with respect to issues related to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission invites public comment on the Postal Service's FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding with respect to issues related to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2016 Annual Performance Plan.
3. Comments are due no later than February 26, 2016.
4. Reply comments are due no later than March 7, 2016.
5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

<sup>3</sup> See FY 2015 Annual Report at 64–65.

By the Commission.

**Ruth Ann Abrams,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2014–67; Order No. 3028]

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning a modification to a Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 4 negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* January 21, 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 January 13, 2016, the Postal Service filed notice that it has agreed to a second Modification to the existing Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 4 negotiated service agreement approved in this docket.<sup>1</sup> In support of its Notice, the Postal Service includes a redacted copy of the Modification.

The Postal Service also filed the unredacted Modification under seal and seeks to incorporate by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment originally filed in this docket for the protection of information that it has filed under seal.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Two to Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 4 Negotiated Service Agreement, January 13, 2016 (Notice). The Modification is an attachment to the Notice (Modification).

<sup>2</sup> Notice at 1; see also Docket Nos. MC2014–38 and CP2014–67, Request of the United States Postal

The Modification revises Article 11 (term of the agreement), as well as the articles concerning postage payment, in order to allow postage payment through the Electronic Verification System. Notice at 1.

The Postal Service intends for the Modification to become effective on February 1, 2016. *Id.*

## II. Notice of Filings

The Commission invites comments on whether the changes presented in the Postal Service's Notice are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR 3015.5, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than January 21, 2016. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

## III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission reopens Docket No. CP2014–67 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
3. Comments are due no later than January 21, 2016.
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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Service to Add Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 4 to the Competitive Products List and Notice of Filing a Global Reseller Expedited Package 4 Negotiated Service Agreement, August 8, 2014, Attachment 1.