Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meeting


ACTION: Notice of Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Meeting Date in 2017.

SUMMARY: According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal prevailing rate employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee’s primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Wage System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. This scheduled meeting is open to the public with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public. Reports for calendar years 2008 to 2015 are posted at http://www.opm.gov/fprac. Previous reports are also available, upon written request to the Committee.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee’s attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5H27, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606–2858.


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Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2017–46]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: December 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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1. Docket No(s): CP2017–46; Filing Title: Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: November 23, 2016; Filing Authority: 39 CFR 3015.5; Public Representative: Max E. Schnidman; Comments Due: December 5, 2016.
A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 518, Complex Orders, to state that (i) the System 3 will not commence a Complex Auction 4 within a defined time period prior to the end of the trading session as described below; and (ii) the size of an RFR Response (defined below) that is submitted with a size greater than the aggregate auctioned size (described below) will be capped for allocation purposes at the aggregate auctioned size (defined below).

Complex Auction Defined Time Period

Certain option classes, as determined by the Exchange and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular, are eligible to participate in a Complex Auction for possible price improvement.5 Members may submit Complex Auction-on-Arrival (‘‘cAOA’’) orders 6 that may initiate a Complex Auction, and the Exchange may determine to automatically submit a Complex Auction-eligible order7 into a Complex Auction. Upon receipt of a Complex Auction-eligible order or upon an evaluation by the System 8 indicating that there is a Complex Auction-eligible order resting on the Strategy Book,9 the Exchange may begin the Complex Auction process by sending a request for responses (‘‘RFR’’) message. Members may submit a response to the RFR message (an ‘‘RFR Response’’) during the ‘‘Response Time Interval.’’ 10 At the end of the Response Time Interval, Complex Auction-eligible orders (and other complex orders and quotes) may be executed in whole or in part against the best priced contra side interest.11 Exchange Rule 518(d)(2) governs the commencement of a Complex Auction. Upon receipt of a Complex Auction-eligible order or upon an evaluation by the System indicating that there is a Complex Auction-eligible order resting on the Strategy Book, the Exchange may begin the Complex Auction process by sending an RFR message to all subscribers to the Exchange’s data feeds that deliver RFR messages.

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 518(d)(2) by stating that, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of the rule, the System will not commence a Complex Auction within a defined time period prior to the end of the trading session (the ‘‘Defined Time Period’’) established by the Exchange and communicated to Members via Regulatory Circular. The Defined Time Period shall be at least 100 milliseconds, and may not exceed 10 seconds. The Exchange believes that this proposed flexibility in the duration of the Defined Time Period is necessary because the duration of the Response Time Interval is flexible12 and must not be able to exceed the Defined Time Period. For example, if the Response Time Interval is 300 milliseconds and the Defined Time Period is 200 milliseconds, a Complex Auction with a 300 millisecond Response Time Interval could commence within 200 milliseconds of the end of the trading session, and the Complex Auction could therefore not be completed. Flexibility in the establishment of the duration of the Defined Time Period would enable the Exchange to make the duration of the Response Time Interval and the Defined Time Period consistent in this regard. The 10-second maximum duration for the Defined Time Period is intended as an outlier to address situations where the Exchange may need to ensure a fair and orderly marketplace during times of extreme conditions.


II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.