

2 rate adjustment to improve default rates established under the Universal Postal Union Acts.<sup>1</sup> The Notice concerns the inbound portion of a bilateral agreement with Australia Post (Agreement) that the Postal Service contends is functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement with China Post (China Post 2010 Agreement) that the Commission included within the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product in the market dominant product list of the Mail Classification Schedule.<sup>2</sup>

## 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 material filed under seal with the Commission. *Id.* Attachment 2 is a redacted copy of the Agreement. *Id.*

The Postal Service states the intended effective date of the Agreement is February 1, 2017; asserts it is providing at least the 45 days advance notice required under 39 CFR 3010.41; and identifies the parties to the Agreement as the United States Postal Service and Australia Post, the designated postal operator for Australia.<sup>3</sup> The Postal Service states that the Agreement includes: A process for collecting tracking events associated with small packets with delivery scanning sent from Australia to the United States; the establishment of improved accounting and settlement processes for small packets with delivery scanning; sortation recommendations; and additional data exchange requirements and measurement objectives. Notice at 4–5.

**Reporting requirements.** Rule 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

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, December 22, 2016, at 1 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Notice at 1–2; see Docket Nos. MC2010–35, R2010–5, and R2010–6, 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 (Order No. 549).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service filed its Notice on December 22, 2016, 41 calendar days prior to the intended implementation date of February 1, 2017. The Postal Service is reminded that it is required to transmit notice to the Commission no later than 45 calendar days prior to the intended implementation date of a negotiated service agreement. See 39 CFR 3010.41.

to report information on the Agreement through the Annual Compliance Report. *Id.* at 7. The Postal Service also invokes, with respect to service performance measurement reporting under 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3), the standing exception the Commission allowed in Order No. 996 for all agreements filed in the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product grouping.<sup>4</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 identified in 39 CFR 3010.40, *i.e.*, 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. *Id.* The Postal Service asserts that it addresses the first two criteria in its Notice and that the third is inapplicable, as there are no entities similarly situated to Australia Post in terms of its ability to tender small packet with delivery scanning flows from Australia or serve as the designated operator for letter post originating in Australia. *Id.* at 7–8.

**Functional equivalence.** The Postal Service addresses reasons why it considers the Agreement functionally equivalent to the China Post 2010 Agreement filed in Docket No. R2010–6.<sup>5</sup> The Postal Service identifies differences between the Agreement and the baseline agreement but asserts that these differences do not detract from the conclusion that the Agreement is functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement. Notice at 9–11.

## III. Commission Action

The Commission, in conformance with rule 3010.44, establishes Docket No. R2017–2 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, 2017.<sup>6</sup> The public portions of this filing can be accessed via the

<sup>4</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)).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 8–9; see Docket Nos. MC2010–35, R2010–5, and R2010–6, Order No. 549.

<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.44(a)(5), comments are due 10 days from the Postal Service's filing of the Notice. However, due to the holiday season, the Commission is extending the comment deadline.

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 Katalin K. Clendenin 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. R2017–2 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin 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, 2017.

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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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2016–25; CP2016–89; CP2016–218; MC2017–67 and CP2017–95; MC2017–68 and CP2017–96; MC2017–69 and CP2017–97; MC2017–70 and CP2017–98; MC2017–71 and R2017–3]

### New Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* January 4, 2017 (Comment due date applies to MC2017–67 and CP2017–95; MC2017–68 and CP2017–96); January 5, 2017 (Comment due date applies to CP2016–89; CP2016–218; MC2017–69 and CP2017–97; MC2017–70 and CP2017–98); and January 6, 2017 (Comment due date applies to CP2016–25; MC2017–71 and R2017–3).

**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**

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

**II. Docketed Proceeding(s)**

1. *Docket No(s)*.: CP2016-25; *Filing Title*: Notice of United States Postal

Service of Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 155, with Portions Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 22, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative*: Max E. Schnidman; *Comments Due*: January 6, 2017.

2. *Docket No(s)*.: CP2016-89; *Filing Title*: Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification One to Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2 Negotiated Service Agreement; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 23, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative*: Christopher C. Mohr; *Comments Due*: January 5, 2017.

3. *Docket No(s)*.: CP2016-218; *Filing Title*: Notice of United States Postal Service of Amendment to First-Class Package Service Contract 57, with Portions Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 22, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3015.5; *Public Representative*: Christopher C. Mohr; *Comments Due*: January 5, 2017.

4. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2017-67 and CP2017-95; *Filing Title*: Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 41 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 22, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative*: Kenneth R. Moeller; *Comments Due*: January 4, 2017.

5. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2017-68 and CP2017-96; *Filing Title*: Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 282 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 22, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative*: Christopher C. Mohr; *Comments Due*: January 4, 2017.

6. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2017-69 and CP2017-97; *Filing Title*: Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 283 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 22, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative*: Christopher C. Mohr; *Comments Due*: January 5, 2017.

7. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2017-70 and CP2017-98; *Filing Title*: Request of the United States Postal Service to Add First-Class Package Service Contract 72

to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 22, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative*: Max E. Schnidman; *Comments Due*: January 5, 2017.

8. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2017-71 and R2017-3; *Filing Title*: Request of United States Postal Service to Add Inbound Market Dominant Prime Tracked Service Agreement to the Market Dominant Product List, Notice of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Application for Non-Public Treatment; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 23, 2016; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3622(c)(10) and 3642; 39 CFR 3010.40 and 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative*: Katalin K. Clendenin; *Comments Due*: January 6, 2017.

This notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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

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**POSTAL SERVICE**

**International Product Change—  
Inbound PRIME Tracked Service  
Agreement**

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add Inbound Market Dominant PRIME Tracked Service Agreement to the Market Dominant Product List.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* January 3, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher C. Meyerson, (202) 268-7820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642, on December 23, 2016, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a Request of United States Postal Service to add Inbound Market Dominant PRIME Tracked Service Agreement to the Market Dominant Product List. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2017-71 and R2017-3.

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