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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The satellite carrier compulsory license establishes a statutory copyright licensing scheme for the distant retransmission of television programming by satellite carriers. 17 U.S.C. 119. Congress created the license in 1988 and has reaffirmed the license for additional five-year periods, most recently with the passage of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014, Public Law 113–200.

On August 31, 2010, the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) adopted rates for the section 119 compulsory license for the 2010–2014 term. See 75 FR 53198. The rates were proposed by Copyright Owners and Satellite Carriers 1 and were unopposed. Id. Section 119(c)(2) of the Copyright Act provides that, effective January 1 of each year, the Judges shall adjust the royalty fee payable under Section 119(b)(1)(B) “to reflect any changes occurring in the cost of living as determined by the most recent Consumer Price Index (for all consumers and for all items) [CPI–U] published by the Secretary of Labor before December 1 of the preceding year.” Section 119 also requires that “[n]otification of the adjusted fees shall be published in the Federal Register at least 25 days before January 1.” 17 U.S.C. 119(c)(2).

The change in the cost of living as determined by the CPI–U during the period from the most recent index published before December 1, 2016, to the most recent index published before December 1, 2017, is +2.0%. 2 Application of the 2.0% COLA to the current rate for the secondary transmission of broadcast stations by satellite carriers for private home viewing—27 cents per subscriber per month—results in a rate of 28 cents per subscriber per month (rounded to the nearest cent). See 37 CFR 386.2(b)(1). Application of the 2.0% COLA to the current rate for viewing in commercial establishments—57 cents per subscriber per month—results in a rate of 58 cents per subscriber per month (rounded to the nearest cent). See 37 CFR 386.2(b)(2).

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 386
Copyright, Satellite, Television.

Final Regulations
In consideration of the foregoing, the Judges amend part 386 of title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 386—ADJUSTMENT OF ROYALTY FEES FOR SECONDARY TRANSMISSIONS BY SATELLITE CARRIERS

1. The authority citation for part 386 continues to read as follows:
   Authority: 17 U.S.C. 119(c), 801(b)(1).

2. Section 386.2 is amended by adding paragraphs (b)(1)(ix) and (b)(2)(ix) as follows:

§386.2 Royalty fee for secondary transmission by satellite carriers.

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(b) * * *  
(1) * * *  
(ix) 2018: 28 cents per subscriber per month.  
(2) * * *  
(ix) 2018: 58 cents per subscriber per month.

Suzanne M. Barnett, 
Chief Copyright Royalty Judge.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Proposed Rule is not a sudden, unforeseeable change in policy. The transfer of processing operations to the Chicago ISC, and the resulting inconsistency between Zone classification and transportation costs, occurred in 2013. For over three years, mailers had an opportunity to assess the potential impact of this change on future operations, and some businesses responded to the change by relocating their operations in anticipation of a potential reclassification of zones necessary to align rates and costs for such Priority Mail.

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List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111
Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.
The Postal Service adopts the following changes to Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 111.1. Accordingly, 39 CFR part 111 is amended as follows:

PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 111 continues to read as follows:


2. Revise the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) as follows:

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)

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200 Commercial Mail Letters, Cards, Flats, and Parcels

201 Physical Standards

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5.0 Physical Standards for Nonautomation Flats

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5.3 Bound Printed Matter

These additional standards apply to Bound Printed Matter:

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[Revise the text of item b to read as follows:]

b. Bound Printed Matter may not weigh more than 20 ounces (except under 705.15).

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6.0 Physical Standards for Automation Flats

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6.2 Additional Criteria for Automation Flats

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6.2.2 Maximum Weight

Maximum weight limits are as follows:

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[Revise the text of item d to read as follows:]

d. For Bound Printed Matter, 20 ounces (except under 705.15).

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600 Basic Standards for All Mailing Services

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608 Postal Information and Resources

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9.0 Postal Zones

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9.2 Application

a. For the purposes of computing postal zone information, except for items 9.2b and 9.2c, the following table applies to MPOs not listed in L005.

[Revise the ZIP code groups listed under the “3-DIGIT ZIP CODE PREFIX GROUP” column by adding asterisks and add a new footnote to read as follows:] 3-DIGIT ZIP CODE PREFIX GROUP 090–098* 340 962–966*

* Priority Mail service destinating to these ZIP Codes is served by SCF Chicago IL 606.

[Revise the text of item b to read as follows:]

b. The postage prices for zoned mail transported between the United States, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, or U.S. territories or possessions, including the Freely Associated States on the one hand, and MPOs on the other, or, among the MPOs, are the applicable zone prices for mail between the place of mailing or delivery and the city of the postmaster serving the MPO concerned.

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700 Special Standards

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705 Advanced Preparation and Special Postage Payment Systems

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10.0 Merging Bundles of Flats Using the City State Product

10.1 Periodicals

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10.1.5 Pallet Preparation and Labeling

[Revise the second sentence in the introductory text of 10.1.5 to read as follows:] 10.1.5 Pallet Preparation and Labeling * * * When sortation under this option is performed, after completing required or optional carrier route pallets (if any), mailers must prepare all merged 5-digit scheme, and merged 5-digit pallets that are possible in the mailing based on the volume of mail to the destination using L001 and/or the City State Product. * * *

[Revise the order of items a and b; and revise the text of reordered items a and b to read as follows:] a. 5-digit scheme carrier routes, required; optional with no minimum.

b. Merged 5-digit scheme, required and permitted only when there is at least one 5-digit ZIP Code in the scheme that has an “A” or “C” indicator in the City State Product. May contain carrier route bundles for any 5-digit ZIP Code(s) in a single scheme listed in L001 as well as machinable barcoded price 5-digit bundles and machinable nonbarcoded price 5-digit bundles for those 5-digit ZIP Codes in the scheme that have an “A” or “C” indicator in the City State Product. Labeling:

1. Line 1: Use L001, Column B.

b. The postage prices for those 5-digit ZIP Codes in the scheme that have an “A” or “C” indicator in the City State Product. May contain only carrier route price bundles for the same 5-digit ZIP Code for those 5-digit ZIP Codes that are not part of a scheme. Labeling:

1. Line 1: Use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4 for military mail).

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS”;

3. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “CARRIER ROUTES” or “CR–RTS.”

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10.2 USPS Marketing Mail

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10.2.5 Pallet Preparation and Labeling

[Revise the first two sentences of the introductory text of 10.2.5 to read as follows:] Mailers must prepare pallets of bundles in the manner and sequence listed below and under 8.0. When sortation under this option is performed, after completing required or optional carrier route pallets (if any), mailers must prepare all merged 5-digit scheme and merged 5-digit pallets that are possible in the mailing based on the volume of mail to the destination using L001 and/or the City State Product.

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[Revise the order of items a and b; and revise the text of reordered items a and b to read as follows:] a. 5-digit scheme carrier routes, required; optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route bundles for carrier routes for 5-digit ZIP Codes identified in the L001 5-digit scheme listing. Labeling:

1. Line 1: Use L001, Column B.

2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS”;

identified in the L001 5-digit scheme listing. Labeling:
1. Line 1: Use L001, Column B.
2. Line 2: “MKT FLTS CR–RTS SCHEME.”

b. Merged 5-digit scheme, required and permitted only when there is at least one 5-digit ZIP Code in the scheme that has an “A” or “C” indicator in the City State Product. May contain carrier route bundles for any 5-digit ZIP Code(s) in a single scheme listed in L001 as well as automation price 5-digit bundles and Presorted price 5-digit bundles for those 5-digit ZIP Codes in the scheme that have an “A” or “C” indicator in the City State Product. Labeling:
1. Line 1: Use L001, Column B.
2. Line 2: “MKT FLTS CR/5D SCHEME.”

Reverse the order of items c and d; and revise the text of reordered item c to read as follows:

c. 5-digit carrier routes, required; optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route price bundles for the same 5-digit ZIP Code for those 5-digit ZIP Codes that are not part of a scheme. Labeling:
1. Line 1: Use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4 for military mail).
2. Line 2: “MKT FLTS,” followed by “CARRIER ROUTES” or “CR–RTS.”

Reverse the order of items d and e; and revise the text of reordered item d to read as follows:

d. 5-digit carrier routes, required; optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route price bundles for the same 5-digit ZIP Code for those 5-digit ZIP Codes that are not part of a scheme. Labeling:
1. Line 1: Use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4 for military mail).
2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or “IRREG” as applicable; followed by “CR/5D SCHEME.”

Reverse the order of items d and e; and revise the text of reordered item d to read as follows:

d. 5-digit carrier routes, required; optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route price bundles for the same 5-digit ZIP Code for those 5-digit ZIP Codes that are not part of a scheme. Labeling:
1. Line 1: Use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4 for military mail).
2. Line 2: “MKT FLTS”; followed by “CARRIER ROUTES” or “CR–RTS.”

13.0 Merging Bundles of Flats on Pallets Using the City State Product and a 5% Threshold

13.1 Periodicals

13.1.1 Basic Standards

Add new heading 12.2, USPS Marketing Mail, renumber 12.1.6 through 12.1.8 as 12.2.1 through 12.2.3]

12.2 USPS Marketing Mail

12.2.3 Pallet Preparation and Labeling

Reverse the second sentence in the introductory text of renumbered 12.2.3 to read as follows:

* * * When sortation under this option is performed after completing required or optional carrier route pallets (if any), mailers must prepare all merged 5-digit scheme, and merged 5-digit pallets that are possible in the mailing based on the volume of mail to the destination using L001 and the 5% threshold. * * *

Prepare and label pallets as follows:

Reverse the order of items a and b; and revise the text of reordered items a and b. to read as follows:

a. 5-digit scheme carrier routes, required; optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route bundles for all carrier routes for 5-digit ZIP Codes identified in the L001 5-digit scheme listing. Labeling:
1. Line 1: Use L001, Column B.
2. Line 2: “PER” or “NEWS” as applicable; followed by “FLTS” or
“IRREG” as applicable; and followed by “CR–RTS SCHEME.” * * * * * [Revise the order of items d and e; revise the text of reordered item d to read as follows:]  
   d. 5-digit carrier routes, required; optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route price bundles for the same 5-digit ZIP Code for those 5-digit ZIP Codes that are not part of a scheme. Labeling:  
   1. Line 1: Use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4 for military mail).  
   2. Line 2: “MKT FLTS CR–RTS.” * * * * *  
13.2 USPS Marketing Mail * * * * *  
13.2.4 Pallet Preparation and Labeling  
[Revise the second sentence of the introductory text of 13.2.4 to read as follows:] * * * When sortation under this option is performed after completing required or optional carrier route pallets (if any), mailers must prepare all merged 5-digit scheme, and merged 5-digit pallets that are possible in the mailing based on the volume of mail to the destination using L001, the City State Product, and the 5% threshold. Mailers must label pallets according to the Line 1 and Line 2 information listed below and under 8.6.  
[Reverse the order of items a and b; revise the text of reordered item a. to read as follows:]  
   a. 5-digit scheme carrier routes, required, optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route bundles for carrier routes for 5-digit ZIP Codes identified in the L001 5-digit scheme listing. Labeling:  
      1. Line 1: Use L001, Column B.  
      2. Line 2: “MKT FLTS CR–RTS SCHEME.” * * * * *  
   [Reverse the order of items c and d; revise the text of reordered item c to read as follows:]  
   c. 5-digit carrier routes, required, optional with no minimum. May contain only carrier route price bundles for the same 5-digit ZIP Code for those 5-digit ZIP Codes that are not part of a scheme. Labeling:  
      1. Line 1: Use city, state, and 5-digit ZIP Code destination (see 8.6.4 for military mail).  
      2. Line 2: “MKT FLTS.” followed by “CARRIER ROUTES or “CR–RTS.” * * * * *  
15.0 Combining USPS Marketing Mail Flats, Bound Printed Matter Flats, and Periodicals Flats  
15.1 Basic Standards  
[Revise the introductory text of 15.1 to read as follows:]  
   Authorized mailers may combine USPS Marketing Mail flats, Bound Printed Matter flats, and Periodicals flats in a single mailing as follows:  
[Revise the text in item a to read as follows:]  
   a. Each mailpiece must meet the standards in 240 for USPS Marketing Mail, 260 for Bound Printed Matter and 207 for Periodicals. Periodicals publications must be authorized or pending original or additional entry at the office of mailing.  
[Revise the text of item b by adding a new last sentence to read as follows:]  
   b. * * * For exceptions to bundling of USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter flats, Bound Printed Matter and Periodicals flats to the service standards of USPS Marketing Mail. * * * * *  
15.1.1 Service Objectives  
[Revise the text in 15.1.1 to read as follows:]  
   The Postal Service processes combined mailings of USPS Marketing Mail, Bound Printed Matter, and Periodicals flats to the service standards of USPS Marketing Mail.  
15.1.2 Postage Payment  
[Revise the first sentence of 15.1.2 to read as follows:]  
   Postage for all USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter pieces must be paid with permit imprint using a special postage payment system in 2.0 through 4.0 at the Post Office location serving the mailer’s plant. * * *  
15.1.3 Documentation  
* * * In addition, mailers must provide:  
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[Delete current item f. and renumber item g. to item f. to read as follows:]  
   f. Any additional documentation to support postage payment system records, if requested.  
15.1.4 Authorization  
[Revise the first sentence and add a new fourth sentence of 15.1.4 to read as follows:]  
   A mailer must submit a written request to the manager, Business Mailer Support (see 608.8.1 for address) to combine mailings of USPS Marketing Mail flats, Bound Printed Matter flats, and Periodicals flats. * * * When requested, a mailer must submit a copy of a notification document signed and dated by the Periodicals publisher, acknowledging the mailer’s participation in a combined mailing of USPS Marketing Mail and Periodicals and the potential for the mailpieces to receive deferred USPS handling. * * *  
15.1.5 Price Eligibility  
[Revise the first sentence in 15.1.5 to read as follows:]  
   Apply prices based on the standards in 240 for USPS Marketing Mail and 260 for Bound Printed Matter flats. * * * * *  
[Revise the heading of 15.2 to read as follows:]  
15.2 Combining USPS Marketing Mail Flats, Bound Printed Matter Flats, and Periodicals Flats in the Same Bundle * * * * *  
15.2.2 Mailpiece and Bundle Identification  
[Revise the text in 15.2.2 to read as follows:]  
   Each USPS Marketing Mail, Bound Printed Matter, and Periodicals...
mailpiece prepared under a combined mailing of USPS Marketing Mail flats, Bound Printed Matter flats, and Periodicals flats must be identified as being part of a mixed class mailing through the use of an optional endorsement line (OEL) in accordance with the standards in 203.7.1.8. Post-print consolidators who have mailings of USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter, using Permit Imprint may include a “Co-Class” marking.

[Revise the heading of 15.3 to read as follows:]

15.3 Combining Bundles of USPS Marketing Mail Flats, Bound Printed Matter Flats, and Periodicals Flats on the Same Pallet

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15.3.2 Mailpiece and Bundle Identification

[Revise the introductory text in item a. in 15.3.2 to read as follows:]

Each USPS Marketing Mail, Bound Printer Matter, and Periodicals mailpiece prepared under a combined mailing of USPS Marketing Mail flats, Bound Printed Matter flats, and Periodicals flats must be identified as being part of a mixed class mailing through the use of an optional endorsement line (OEL) in accordance with standards in 203.7.1.8. Post-print consolidators who have mailings of USPS Marketing Mail and Bound Printed Matter, using Permit Imprint may include a “Co-Class” marking.

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15.4 Pallet Preparation

15.4.1 Pallet Preparation, Sequence and Labeling

[Revise the text in 15.4.1 to read as follows:]

When combining USPS Marketing Mail, Bound Printer Matter, and Periodicals mailpieces within a same bundle or combining bundles of USPS Marketing Mail flats, Bound Printed Matter flats, and bundles of Periodicals flats on pallets, bundles must be placed on pallets. For labeling, “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS,” as applicable, means to label each individual pallet based on the classes of mailpieces on that individual pallet. As an example, in a combined mailing of USPS Marketing Mail, Bound Printed Matter, and Periodicals flats, some pallets may be labeled “MKT/BPM/PER,” “MKT/PER,” “BPM/PER,” or even “MKT,” “BPM,” or “PER.”

Preparation, sequence and labeling: a. 5-digit scheme carrier routes, required. * * * * 

[Revise item a 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS,” as applicable; * * * *

b. Merged 5-digit scheme, optional, * * * * Labeling: * * * * * 

[Revise item b 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS CR/5D,” as applicable * * * *

c. Merged 5-digit, optional. * * * * Labeling: * * * * 

[Revise item c 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS,” as applicable; * * * *

d. 5-digit, required. * * * * Labeling: * * * * * 

[Revise item d 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS,” as applicable; * * * *

f. 3-digit, optional, * * * * Labeling: * * * * * 

[Revise item f 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS,” as applicable; * * * *

g. SCF, required. * * * * Labeling: * * * * * 

[Revise item g 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS,” as applicable; * * * *

h. ASF, required unless bundle reallocation used under 15.1.10. * * * Labeling: * * * * 

[Revise item h 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS NDC,” as applicable; * * * *

i. NDC, required. Pallet may contain carrier route, automation or presorted mail for the 3-digit ZIP Code groups in L601. * * * * Labeling: * * * * * 

[Revise item i 1 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS NDC,” as applicable; * * * *

[Revise item j 1 to read as follows:]

j. Mixed NDC, required, 100 pound minimum. Pallet may contain carrier route, automation or presorted mail. * * * * Labeling: * * * * * 

[Revise item j 2 to read as follows:]

2. Line 2: “MKT/BPM/PER FLTS,” as applicable; * * * * * 

We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval of Nebraska Air Quality Implementation Plans; Adoption of a New Chapter Under the Nebraska Administrative Code; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to adverse comments, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule for “Approval of Nebraska Air Quality Implementation Plans; Adoption of a New Chapter Under the Nebraska Administrative Code” published in the Federal Register on October 5, 2017. Nebraska’s SIP revision added a new chapter titled “Visibility Protection” which provides Nebraska authority to implement Federal regulations relating to Regional Haze and Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART). The new chapter incorporates by reference EPA’s Guidelines for BART Determinations under the Regional Haze Rule. The revision to the SIP meets the visibility component of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: The direct final rule published at 82 FR 46415, October 5, 2017, is withdrawn effective November 27, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to adverse comments, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve revisions to the Nebraska State Implementation Plan (SIP). In the direct final rule published on October 5, 2017 (82 FR 46415), we stated that if we received adverse comment by November 6, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. EPA received adverse comments. EPA will address the comments in a subsequent final action.