

R. Moeller; *Comments Due*: December 19, 2019.

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

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2020-61; Order No. 5344]

Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recent Postal Service filing of its intention to change prices not of general applicability to be effective January 1, 2020. This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due*: December 18, 2019.

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

On December 10, 2019, the Postal Service filed notice announcing its intention to change prices not of general applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at Universal Postal Union (UPU) Rates) effective January 1, 2020.¹

II. Contents of Filing

To accompany its Notice, the Postal Service filed: A redacted copy of the UPU International Bureau (IB) Circular that contains the new prices, a copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2), redacted Postal Service

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), and Application for Non-Public Treatment, December 10, 2019, at 1-2 (Notice).

data used to justify any bonus payments, a copy of the Postal Service's submission to the UPU in support of an inflation-linked adjustment, and a redacted copy of Governors' Decision 19-1. Notice at 2-3; *see id.* Attachments 2-6. The Postal Service also filed redacted financial workpapers. Notice at 3.

Additionally, the Postal Service filed an unredacted copy of Governors' Decision 19-1, an unredacted copy of the new prices, and related financial information under seal. *See id.* The Postal Service filed an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal. Notice, Attachment 1.

The Postal Service states that it has provided supporting documentation as required by Order No. 2102 and Order No. 2310.² In addition, the Postal Service states that it provided citations and copies of relevant UPU IB Circulars and updates to inflation-linked adjustments as required by Order No. 3716.³

III. Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2020-61 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 39 CFR part 3015. Comments are due no later than December 18, 2019. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2020-61 for consideration of the 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 to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding (Public Representative).

3. Comments are due no later than December 18, 2019.

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

² Notice at 4-5. *See* Docket No. CP2014-52, Order Accepting Price Changes for Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), June 26, 2014, at 6 (Order No. 2102); Docket No. CP2015-24, Order Accepting Changes in Rates for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), December 29, 2014, at 4 (Order No. 2310).

³ Notice at 5. *See* Docket Nos. MC2017-58 and CP2017-86, Order Acknowledging Changes in Prices for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), December 30, 2016, at 5 (Order No. 3716).

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Parcel Select Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of required notice:* December 17, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Robinson, 202-268-8405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on December 11, 2019, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Parcel Select Contract 36 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2020-68, CP2020-67.

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Attorney, Corporate and Postal Business Law.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of required notice:* December 17, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Robinson, 202-268-8405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on December 11, 2019, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 582 to*

Competitive Product List. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2020–69, CP2020–68.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Request for Information on the American Research Environment

AGENCY: Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

ACTION: Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on the American research environment.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the National Science and Technology Council’s (NSTC’s) Joint Committee on the Research Environment (JCORE), the OSTP requests input on actions that Federal agencies can take, working in partnership with private industry, academic institutions, and non-profit/philanthropic organizations, to maximize the quality and effectiveness of the American research environment. Specific emphasis is placed on ensuring that the research environment is welcoming to all individuals and enables them to work safely, efficiently, ethically, and with mutual respect, consistent with the values of free inquiry, competition, openness, and fairness.

DATES: The comment period has been extended. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before 11:59 p.m. ET on January 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice may be submitted online to: The NSTC Executive Director, Chloe Kontos, JCORE@ostp.eop.gov. Email submissions should be machine-readable [pdf, word] and not copy-protected. Submissions should include “RFI Response: JCORE” in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: Response to this RFI is voluntary. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. Submission must not exceed 10 pages in 12 point or larger font, with a page number provided on each page. Responses should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the comment. Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies or electronic links of the referenced materials.

It is suggested that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this RFI.

In accordance with FAR 15.202(3), responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Federal Government to form a binding contract. Additionally, those submitting responses are solely responsible for all expenses associated with response preparation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please direct your questions to the NSTC Executive Director, Chloe Kontos, JCORE@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NSTC established JCORE in May 2019. JCORE is working to address key areas that impact the U.S. research enterprise; enabling a culture supportive of the values and ethical norms critical to world-leading science and technology. This includes the need to improve safety and inclusivity, integrity, and security of research settings while balancing accountability and productivity.

Specifically, JCORE is working to:

- *Ensure rigor and integrity in research:* This subcommittee is identifying cross-agency principles, priorities, and actions to enhance research integrity, rigor, reproducibility, and replicability. This includes exploring how Federal government agencies and stakeholder groups, including research institutions, publishers, researchers, industry, non-profit and philanthropic organizations, and others, can work collaboratively to support activities that facilitate research rigor and integrity through efforts to address transparency, incentives, communication, training and other areas.

- *Coordinate administrative requirements for Federally-funded research:* This subcommittee is identifying and assessing opportunities to coordinate agency policies and requirements related to Federal grant processes and conflicts of interest disclosure. Additionally, this subcommittee is also exploring how persistent digital identifiers and researcher profile databases can be used to reduce administrative work and track agency investments.

- *Strengthen the security of America’s S&T research enterprise:* This subcommittee is working to enhance risk assessment and management, coordinate outreach and engagement across the research enterprise, strengthen disclosure requirements and

policies, enhance oversight and vigilance, and work with organizations that perform research to develop best practices that can be applied across all sectors. The subcommittee is taking a risk-based approach to strengthening the security of our research enterprise balanced with maintaining appropriate levels of openness that underpins American global leadership in science and technology.

- *Foster safe, inclusive, and equitable research environments:* This subcommittee is convening the multi-sector research community to identify challenges and opportunities, share best practices, utilize case studies, and share lessons learned in order to promote practices and cultures that build safe, inclusive, and equitable research environments.

Research Rigor and Integrity

The National Academies and others have in recent reports on rigor, reproducibility and replicability¹ and integrity,² identified a number of areas that Federal agencies and non-Federal stakeholders should consider to foster rigorous research. The subcommittee on Rigor and Integrity in Research is seeking perspectives on actions Federal agencies can take, working in partnership with the broader research community, to strengthen the rigor and integrity of research while recognizing the need for discipline-specific flexibilities.

1. What actions can Federal agencies take to facilitate the reproducibility, replicability, and quality of research? What incentives currently exist to (1) conduct and report research so that it can be reproduced, replicated, or generalized more readily, and (2) reproduce and replicate or otherwise confirm or generalize publicly reported research findings?

2. How can Federal agencies best work with the academic community, professional societies, and the private sector to enhance research quality, reproducibility, and replicability? What are current impediments and how can institutions, other stakeholders, and Federal agencies collaboratively address them?

3. How do we ensure that researchers, including students, are aware of the ethical principles of integrity that are fundamental to research?

4. What incentives can Federal agencies provide to encourage reporting of null or negative research findings?

¹ National Academy of Sciences. *Reproducibility and Replicability in Science* (2019).

² National Academy of Sciences. *Fostering Integrity in Research* (2017).