

2. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2023–46 to consider matters raised by the Competitive Classification Change Request.

3. The Commission consolidates Docket Nos. MC2023–45 and MC2023–46.

4. Comments by interested persons are due by December 8, 2022.

5. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, R. Tim Boone is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

6. The Commission directs the Secretary of the Commission to arrange for prompt publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,

Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2023–12; Order No. 6326]

Market Dominant Product List

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is recognizing a recent Postal Service filing requesting to add USPS Connect Local Mail as a new, permanent product to the Mail Classification Schedule and the request's dismissal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

On October 11, 2022, the Postal Service filed a request with the Commission pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3045.18 to convert the experimental product offering USPS Connect Local Mail into a permanent product offering on the Mail Classification Schedule.¹ On October 17, 2022, the Commission dismissed the Request without prejudice, allowing the Postal Service to file an amended request if it so chose.²

¹ United States Postal Service Request to Convert USPS Connect Local Mail to a Permanent Offering, October 11, 2022 (Request).

² Order Dismissing Without Prejudice Postal Service's Request to Convert USPS Connect Local

On November 9, 2022, the Postal Service filed a revised request to convert USPS Connect Local Mail into a permanent offering, effective January 22, 2023.³ In support of its Revised Request, the Postal Service filed the following documents:

- Attachment A—Proposed Changes to the Mail Classification Schedule;
- Attachment B—Market Test Quarterly Data Collection Reports;
- Attachment C—Resolution of the Governors of the United States Postal Service; and
- Attachment D—Statement of Supporting Justification

See Revised Request, Attachments A through D.

The USPS Connect Local Mail market test was initially authorized by the Commission on January 4, 2022.⁴ It is currently set to expire on January 8, 2024. Order No. 6080 at 20. USPS Connect Local Mail is a derivative of First-Class Mail that functions as an alternative to long-distance, end-to-end mailing for use by business mailers who wish to send mail locally with regular frequency. Order No. 6080 at 2. The Postal Service asserts that the USPS Connect Local Mail market test has proven successful and that it now wishes to insert the USPS Connect Local Mail product offering into the Mail Classification Schedule under section 1115 (Market Dominant Products: First-Class Mail: First-Class Mail Flats). Revised Request at 2. The Postal Service maintains that the USPS Connect Local Mail product meets all the conditions in 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3045.18 for adding a non-experimental product based on an experimental product to the product list. *Id.* at 3–6. The Postal Service also, as required by 39 CFR 3045.18(e), filed a separate notice of the instant request in Docket No. MT2022–1.⁵ The planned rate for USPS Connect Local Mail is \$2.95. Revised Request at 2–3.

II. Commission Action

The Commission reopens Docket No. MC2023–12 to consider the Postal Service's Revised Request. Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Request is consistent with

Mail Market Test to a Permanent Offering, October 17, 2022, at 5–6 (Order No. 6301).

³ United States Postal Service Revised Request to Convert USPS Connect Local Mail to a Permanent Offering, November 9, 2022 (Revised Request).

⁴ Docket No. MT2022–1, Order Authorizing Market Test of Experimental Product—USPS Connect Local Mail, January 4, 2022 (Order No. 6080).

⁵ Docket No. MT2022–1, United States Postal Service Notice of Revised Request to Convert USPS Connect Local Mail to a Permanent Offering, November 9, 2022.

the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3045.18, and 39 CFR 3040.130 through .135. Comments are due by December 9, 2022.

The Request and related filings are available on the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). The Commission encourages interested persons to review the Request for further details.

The Commission appoints Mallory L. Smith to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission reopens Docket No. MC2023–12 for consideration of the United States Postal Service Revised Request to Convert USPS Connect Local Mail to a Permanent Offering, filed November 9, 2022.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Mallory L. Smith 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 are due by December 9, 2022.

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

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,

Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2023–42; Order No. 6327]

Competitive Price Changes

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is recognizing a recently filed Postal Service document with the Commission concerning changes in rates and classifications of general applicability for competitive products. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* December 2, 2022.

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 and Overview

On November 10, 2022, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission concerning changes in rates and classifications of general applicability for Competitive products.¹ The Postal Service represents that, as required by 39 CFR 3035.102(b) and 39 CFR 3035.104(b), the Notice includes an explanation and justification for the changes, the effective date, and a schedule of the changed rates. See Notice at 1–2. The changes are scheduled to take effect on January 22, 2023. *Id.* at 1.

Attached to the Notice is Governors’ Decision No. 22–6, which states the new prices are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and 39 CFR 3035.102.² The Governors’ Decision provides an analysis of the Competitive products’ price and classification changes intended to demonstrate that the changes comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. Governors’ Decision No. 22–6 at 1. The attachment to the Governors’ Decision sets forth the classification and price changes and includes draft Mail Classification Schedule language for Competitive products of general applicability.

The Notice also includes an application for non-public treatment of the attributable costs, contribution, and cost coverage data in the unredacted version of the annex to the Governors’ Decision, as well as the supporting materials for the data. Notice at 1–2.

Planned price and classification changes. The Governors’ Decision includes an overview of the Postal Service’s planned price changes which are summarized in the table below.

¹ USPS Notice of Changes in Rates and Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 10, 2022 (Notice). Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service is obligated to publish the Governors’ Decision and record of proceedings in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the effective date of the new rates.

² Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates and Classification of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors’ Decision No. 22–6), at 1 (Governors’ Decision No. 22–6).

TABLE I–1—PROPOSED PRICE CHANGES

Product name	Average price increase (percent)
Domestic Competitive Products	
Priority Mail Express	6.6
Retail	6.7
Commercial	6.0
Priority Mail	5.5
Retail	6.8
Commercial	3.6
Parcel Select	5.1
Destination-Entered non-Lightweight ...	5.1
Destination Delivery Unit	5.6
Destination Sectional Center Facility ...	4.7
Destination Network Distribution Center	5.0
Lightweight	6.1
Ground ³	0.0
First-Class Package Service ⁴	7.8
Retail	6.9
Commercial	8.0
Retail Ground ⁵	6.4
Domestic Extra Services	
Premium Forwarding Service	6.5
Adult Signature Service
Basic	6.5
Person-Specific	6.9
Competitive Post Office Box	6.5
Package Intercept Service	6.6
Pickup On Demand	6.0
Premium Data Retention and Retrieval Service	0.0
International Competitive Products	
Global Express Guaranteed	4.9
Priority Mail Express International	6.0
Priority Mail International	6.0
International Priority Airmail	3.5
International Surface Air Lift	12.0
Airmail M-Bags	6.4
First-Class Package International Service	6.5
International Ancillary Services and Special Services	
International Ancillary Services	12.2

Source: See Governors’ Decision No. 22–6 at 2–5.

Further classification changes for Priority Mail, Parcel Select, and certain International Special Services are summarized as follows:

- Commercial Base and Commercial Plus categories of Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail will collapse into one price category labelled “Commercial.”
- Priority Mail Regional Rate Boxes will be eliminated.
- For several Competitive products “Zone L 1, 2”, will be split into new “Zone 1” and Zone 2 categories and the “Local Zone” will be eliminated.
- A new price category under the Competitive Ancillary Services product

³The Postal Service notes that Parcel Select Ground is slated to be eliminated later in 2023.

⁴The Postal Service notes that First Class Package Service is slated to be expanded later in 2023.

⁵The Postal Service notes that USPS Retail Ground is slated for removal later in 2023.

titled “Label Delivery Service” will be introduced.

- Prices for Priority Mail Express International items that are weight-rated and tendered at retail counters will no longer be eligible for the discounted Priority Mail International rate.

- Zones prices that differ by origin ZIP Code for Priority Mail International destined to Canada will be collapsed into a single country group, and the related fee for the International Service Center (ISC) zone chart for such pieces will be eliminated.

Notice at 2–6; Governors’ Decision No. 22–6 at 2–5.

II. Initial Administrative Actions

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2023–42 to consider the Postal Service’s Notice. Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E. Comments are due no later than December 2, 2022. For specific details of the planned price changes, interested persons are encouraged to review the Notice, which is available on the Commission’s website at www.prc.gov.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Gregory S. Stanton is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2023–42 to provide interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E.

2. Comments are due no later than December 2, 2022.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Gregory S. Stanton to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

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

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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