

30 days, NSV supported its request for an extension to 45 days. Specifically, NSV provided information in their application noting that rail shipments from other sites have been known to sit at the waste facilities railyard awaiting receipt for periods exceeding 30 days. NSV cited an example which occurred with waste shipments from Vermont Yankee to WCS by NorthStar Nuclear Decommissioning Co., LLC, with transit times of 33 and 40 days. In addition, NSV indicated that administrative processes at the disposal facility and mail delivery times could add several additional days beyond the times in transit before the licensee receives notification of receipt.

In further support of the exemption request, NSV also provided information regarding the tracking mechanisms employed by the licensee during shipments. For road and rail shipments, NSV utilizes an electronic data tracking system interchange, or similar tracking systems, to monitor the progress of shipments daily. NSV also requests a daily update be provided for the location of the conveyance from the appropriate carriers.

After reviewing the application, the NRC has determined that extending the time for receipt acknowledgement to 45 days is reasonable. Because the VNC waste shipments utilize three railroads, there are multiple opportunities for delays outside of the control of the shipper, as supported by Enclosure 1 of SECY-18-0055 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18012A022). Additionally, as demonstrated by VNC 10 CFR part 20, historical Appendix G investigation reports, administrative processes at the disposal facility and mail delivery times could add several additional days to the transit times beyond the delays likely given the mixed mode transport.

The NRC has also concluded that, because of the oversight and monitoring of radioactive waste shipments throughout the entire journey from VNC to the disposal site, it is unlikely that a shipment could be lost, misdirected, or diverted without the knowledge of the carrier or NSV. Furthermore, by extending the elapsed time for receipt acknowledgement to 45 days before requiring investigations, tracing, and reporting, a reasonable upper limit on shipment duration is still maintained if a breakdown of normal tracking systems were to occur. Consequently, the NRC determined that extending the receipt of notification period would not result in an undue hazard to life or property.

C. Categorical Exclusion Evaluation

With respect to compliance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (NEPA), the NRC staff has determined that the proposed action, namely, the approval of the NSV exemption request, is within the scope of the two categorical exclusions listed at 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(B) and 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(C). The categorical exclusion listed at 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(B) concerns approval of exemption requests from reporting requirements and the categorical exclusion listed at 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(C) concerns approval of exemption requests from inspection or surveillance requirements.

In order to meet these categorical exclusion categories, the proposed exemption would also need to satisfy sections 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(i)–(v). After evaluating the request, staff determined that the proposed exemption satisfies sections 51.22(c)(25)(vi)(i)–(v), as the exemption would only extend certain reporting and inspection and surveillance requirements and does not impact the facility or operations. Specifically, with respect to this exemption the staff determined that there is no significant hazards consideration because there is no impact to the facility; structures, systems or components of the facility; or operations of the facility. Because the proposed exemption only extends certain reporting and inspection and surveillance requirements, and does not authorize changes to the facility or operations at the facility, there is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure; no significant construction impact; and no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents.

IV. Conclusions

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2301, the exemption is authorized by law and will not result in undue hazard to life or property. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants NSV an exemption from 10 CFR part 20, Appendix G, Section III.E to extend the receipt of notification period from 20 days to 45 days after transfer for rail or mixed-mode shipments of low-level radioactive waste from the VNC facility to a licensed land disposal facility.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of March 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
/RA by Theodore Smith for/
Jane E. Marshall,

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Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs,
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and
Safeguards.*

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2026-4; Order No. 9490]

Competitive Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is recognizing a recently filed Postal Service document with the Commission concerning time-limited changes in rates 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:* April 2, 2026.

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.

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I. Introduction and Overview

On March 25, 2026, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission concerning time-limited changes in rates of general applicability for Competitive products.¹ The Postal Service represents that, as required by 39 CFR 3035.102(b), the Notice includes an explanation and justification for the changes, the effective date, a schedule of the changed rates, and a schedule showing current prices that shall be restored. *See* Notice at 1. The changes are scheduled to take effect on April 26, 2026, and will roll back to current levels on January 17, 2027. *Id.*

Attached to the Notice is Governors' Decision No. 26-1, 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 changes intended to demonstrate that the changes comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. Governors' Decision No. 26-1 at 1. The attachment to the Governors' Decision sets forth the price changes and includes draft *Mail Classification Schedule* (MCS) language for Competitive products of general applicability, as well as the MCS sections with the prices that will be restored on January 17, 2027. No price changes are being made to Special

¹ USPS Notice of Time-Limited Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, March 25, 2026 (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 of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 26-1), at 1 (Governors' Decision No. 26-1).

Services or International Competitive products. *Id.* at 3.

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 2.

Planned price adjustments. The Governors’ Decision includes an overview of the Postal Service’s planned price changes, which is summarized in the table below.

TABLE I–1—PROPOSED PRICE CHANGES

| Product name | Average price increase (percent) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Domestic Competitive Products | |
| Priority Mail Express | 8.0 |
| Retail | 8.0 |
| Commercial | 8.0 |
| Priority Mail | 8.0 |
| Retail | 8.0 |
| Commercial | 8.0 |
| USPS Ground Advantage | 8.0 |
| Retail | 8.0 |
| Commercial | 8.0 |
| Parcel Select | 8.0 |

Source: See Governors’ Decision No. 26–1 at 2.

II. Initial Administrative Actions

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2026–4 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 April 2, 2026. 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, Christopher Mohr is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket. The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2026–4 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 April 2, 2026.

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

4. This Order shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

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Attorney-Advisor.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2026–175 and K2026–175]

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.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <https://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.

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via

the Commission’s website (<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 3011.301.¹

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such 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 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. See 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).