

This methodology allows for annual adjustments of the previous year's maximum allowable charge based on the updated Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for Food (CPI-U for Food), not seasonally adjusted. *See id.* The maximum amount employers may charge workers for providing meals is adjusted annually by the 12-month percentage change in the CPI-U for Food for the prior year (*i.e.*, between December of the year just concluded and December of the prior year). *See id.* The Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) Certifying Officer may also permit an employer to charge workers a higher amount for providing them with three meals a day if the higher amount is justified and sufficiently documented by the employer, as set forth in 20 CFR 655.173(b).

The percentage change in the CPI-U for Food between December 2024 and December 2025 was 3.1 percent.<sup>2</sup> Thus, the annual update to the H-2A allowable meal charge is calculated by multiplying the current allowable meal charge (\$16.28) by the 12-month percentage change in the CPI-U for Food between December 2024 and December 2025 ( $\$16.28 \times 1.031 = \$16.78$ ).<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the updated maximum allowable charge under 20 CFR 655.122(g) and 655.173 is \$16.78 per day, and an employer is not permitted to charge a worker more than \$16.78 per day unless the OFLC Certifying Officer approves a higher charge, as authorized under 20 CFR 655.173(b).

### Reimbursement for Travel-Related Subsistence

H-2B and H-2A employers must pay reasonable travel and subsistence costs, including the costs of meals and lodging, incurred by workers during travel to the place of employment from the place from which the worker has come to work for the employer and from the place of employment to the place from which the worker departed to work for the employer, as well as any such costs incurred by the worker incident to obtaining a visa authorizing entry to the United States for the purpose of H-2A or H-2B employment. *See* 20 CFR 655.122(h)(1) and (2) and 655.20(j)(1)(i) and (ii).

Specifically, an H-2A employer is responsible for providing, paying in advance, or reimbursing a worker for the

reasonable costs incurred by the worker for transportation and daily travel-related subsistence from the place from which the worker has come to work for the employer, if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period. 20 CFR 655.122(h)(1). In general, the employer must provide (or pay at the time of departure) the worker's transportation and daily travel-related subsistence from the place of employment to the place from which the worker departed to work for the employer upon the worker completing the contract or being terminated without cause. 20 CFR 655.122(h)(2).

Similarly, an H-2B employer is responsible for providing, paying in advance, or reimbursing a worker for transportation and daily travel-related subsistence from the place from which the worker has come to work for the employer, if the worker completes 50 percent of the job order period. 20 CFR 655.20(j)(1)(i). Upon the worker completing the job order period or being dismissed early (for any reason), the employer is generally responsible for providing (or paying at the time of departure) the worker's cost of return transportation and daily travel-related subsistence from the place of employment to the place from which the worker departed to work for the employer. 20 CFR 655.20(j)(1)(ii).

The amount of the daily subsistence must be at least the amount permitted in 20 CFR 655.173(a) (or the higher amount approved under 20 CFR 655.173(b), if any). The maximum daily amount an employer is required to reimburse workers for travel-related subsistence, as evidenced with receipts, is equal to the standard Continental United States (CONUS) per diem rate, as established by the General Services Administration (GSA) at 41 CFR part 301, formerly published in Appendix A and now found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. *See* Maximum Per Diem Reimbursement Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS), 90 FR 40365 (Aug. 19, 2025). The standard CONUS meals and incidental expenses rate is \$68.00 per day for 2026, and the standard CONUS lodging rate remains \$110.00 per day for 2026. *See* 90 FR 40365, 40366. Workers who qualify for subsistence reimbursement are entitled to reimbursement for meals and lodging up to the standard CONUS rates when they provide receipts. In determining the appropriate amount of reimbursement for meals for less than a full day, the employer may limit the meal expense reimbursement, with receipts, to 75 percent of the maximum reimbursement for meals, or \$51.00, based on the GSA

per diem schedule. *See* <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. If a worker does not provide receipts, the employer is not obligated to reimburse above the minimum stated at 20 CFR 655.173, as specified above.

In addition, the employer is responsible for those costs necessary for the worker to travel to the place of employment if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period. The employer also is responsible for the costs of return transportation. The amount an employer must pay for transportation to and from the place of employment must be no less than (and is not required to be more than) the most economical and reasonable costs. These requirements apply equally to instances where the worker is traveling within the U.S. or internationally to the employer's worksite. *See* 20 CFR 655.122(h)(1) and (2) and 655.20(j)(1)(i) and (ii).

For further information on when the employer is responsible for lodging costs, please see the DOL's Meal Charges and Travel Subsistence, on OFLC's website at <https://flag.dol.gov/wage-data/subsistence-rates>, and H-2B Frequently Asked Questions on Job Offers and Employer Obligations, on OFLC's website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/foreign-labor/faqs/print>.

*Authority:* 20 CFR 655.173.

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## NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 9, 2026

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7B, 1775 Duke Street (All visitors must use Diagonal Road Entrance), Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Open.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Board Briefing, Brokered and Reciprocal Deposits.
2. Board Briefing, NCUA Deregulation Initiative.
3. Board Briefing, NCUA's 2026-2030 Strategic Plan.
4. Board Briefing, NCUA's 2026 Annual Performance Plan.

<sup>2</sup> *See* Consumer Price Index—December 2025, published January 13, 2026, available at [https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/cpi\\_01132026.pdf](https://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/cpi_01132026.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> In 2025, the maximum allowable charge under 20 CFR 655.122(g) and 655.173 was \$16.28 per day. *See* 90 FR 13500 (Mar. 24, 2025).

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Melane Conyers-Ausbrooks, Secretary of the Board, Telephone: 703-518-6304.

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2024-288; CP2024-305; MC2026-188 and K2026-188; MC2026-189 and K2026-189; MC2026-190 and K2026-190]

### 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.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* April 10, 2026.

**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.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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.

#### II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s).*: CP2024-288; *Filing Title:* Request of the United States Postal Service Concerning Modification One to

<sup>1</sup> *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).

International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International & Priority Mail International Contract 1, Which Includes an Extension of That Agreement; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 2, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3041.505 and 3041.515; *Public Representative:* Maxine Bradley; *Comments Due:* April 10, 2026.

2. *Docket No(s).*: CP2024-305; *Filing Title:* Request of the United States Postal Service Concerning Modification One to International Priority Airmail, Commercial ePacket, Priority Mail Express International & Priority Mail International Contract 8, Which Includes an Extension of That Agreement; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 2, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR 3041.505 and 3041.515; *Public Representative:* Katalin Clendenin; *Comments Due:* April 10, 2026.

3. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026-188 and K2026-188; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1496 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 2, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Samuel Robinson; *Comments Due:* April 10, 2026.

4. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026-189 and K2026-189; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1497 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 2, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due:* April 10, 2026.

5. *Docket No(s).*: MC2026-190 and K2026-190; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1498 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* April 2, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative:* Kenneth Moeller; *Comments Due:* April 10, 2026.

#### III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See Section II for public proceedings.