

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, "Specific exemptions," an exemption from the June 20, 2012, compliance date is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, is otherwise in the public interest, and special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the requested exemption.

As per the licensee's request and the NRC's regulatory authority to grant an exemption to the June 20, 2012, deadline for the five sections specified in the licensee's letter dated June 19, 2012, the licensee is required to be in compliance with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, IV.B, 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, IV.E, 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, IV.I, 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, IV.C, and 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, IV.E.8, or request appropriate exemption by September 20, 2012.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, "Finding of no significant impact," the Commission has previously determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (77 FR 71198; November 29, 2012).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of December 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Larry W. Camper,**

*Director, Division of Waste Management, and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials, and Environmental Management Programs.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2013-5; Order No.1569]

### International Mail Contract

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning modification of a mail contract with Singapore Post Limited. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 17, 2012.

**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:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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#### I. Introduction

*Background.* On December 4, 2012, the Postal Service filed notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.40 *et seq.*, announcing that it has entered into a modification of an existing bilateral agreement (Modified Agreement) for inbound market dominant services with Singapore Post Limited (Singapore Post).<sup>1</sup> It asks that the Commission include the Modified Agreement within the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product.

*Contract history and scope.* The Modified Agreement revises the existing Singapore Post Agreement (Original Agreement), filed in Docket No. R2012-1, which was included within Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 by operation of Order No. 995. *Id.* at 1. The modification extends the Original Agreement until June 30, 2013. *Id.*

*Applicable rules.* Subpart D of 39 CFR 3010 addresses rate adjustments for negotiated service agreements (Type 2 adjustments). The rules in this subpart specify, among other things, the scope and nature of the data, information, and explanations the Postal Service is to provide in a notice of Type 2 rate adjustment; the action the Commission is to take upon receipt of such Notice; and the nature of Commission review. *See* 39 CFR 3010.42 through 3010.44.

#### II. Notice of Filing

*Compliance with filing requirements.* The Postal Service's filing consists of the Notice, three attachments, and a public Excel file. Attachment 1 to the Notice is an application for non-public treatment of material filed under seal with the Commission (Application).<sup>2</sup> This material consists of the unredacted text of the Agreement and unredacted supporting financial documentation. *Id.*

<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Additional Functionally Equivalent Agreement, December 4, 2012 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> The Application was filed pursuant to 39 CFR 3007.21. *See Id.* at 7.

at 3. Attachment 2 is a copy of the Modified Agreement. *Id.* at 2. Attachment 3 is a redacted copy of the Original Agreement from Docket No. R2012-1. *Id.* at 2-3. The public Excel file is a redacted version of the supporting financial documentation. *Id.* at 3.

The Postal Service identifies January 18, 2013 as the effective date of the Modified Agreement; asserts that the requisite 45 days' advance notice is being provided; and identifies a Postal Service official as a contact for further information. *Id.* at 3-4.<sup>3</sup> It identifies the parties to the Agreement as the United States Postal Service and Singapore Post Limited, the postal operator for Singapore. *Id.* at 4. It states that the Modified Agreement includes delivery confirmation scanning for Letter Post small packets, a service established by the China Post 2010 Agreement, the Hongkong Post Agreement, and China Post 2011 Agreements. *Id.*

The Postal Service states that information about expected financial improvements, costs, volumes, and revenues in financial workpapers has been filed with the Commission under seal. *Id.* at 5. Because the Modified Agreement involves only term extension, and therefore no relevant material change, the Postal Service incorporates by reference portions of its original notice<sup>4</sup> (in Docket No. R2012-1), addressing, as required by 39 CFR 2010.41(d), components expected to enhance performance and, as required by 39 CFR 2010.41(e), reasons why the Modified Agreement will not result in unreasonable harm to the marketplace. Notice at 5.

*Rule 3010.43—data collection plan.* Rule 3010.43 requires the Postal Service to submit a detailed data collection plan. The Postal Service asks that the Commission except the Modified Agreement from the separate performance reporting requirement under 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3), based on reasons described in the Docket No. R2012-1 Notice. *Id.* at 6; *see also* Docket No. R2012-1 Notice at 5-6.

*Consistency with applicable statutory criteria.* The Postal Service notes that in the Original Agreement, the Commission held that the criteria set forth in 39 U.S.C. 3622(c)(10) had been

<sup>3</sup> In a related filing in Docket No. R2012-1, the Postal Service seeks a brief extension of the Original Agreement. *See* Docket No. R2012-1, Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, December 4, 2012.

<sup>4</sup> Docket No. R2012-1, Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, October 14, 2011, at 4-7 (Docket No. R2012-1 Notice).

met. It asserts that because the Modified Agreement does not materially change any relevant terms of the Original Agreement, the statutory criteria continue to be met. Notice at 6.

Similarly, the Postal Service asserts the Modified Agreement does not materially change any relevant terms of the Original Agreement and should therefore be deemed functionally equivalent. *Id.* at 7.

### III. Notice of Proceeding

The Commission, in conformance with rule 3010.44, hereby establishes Docket No. R2013–5 to consider issues raised by the Notice. The Commission invites public comments on whether the Postal Service's filing in the captioned docket is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 39 CFR part 3010.40. Comments are due no later than December 17, 2012.<sup>5</sup>

The public portions of the Postal Service's filing have been posted on the Commission's Web site. They can be accessed at <http://www.prc.gov>. Information on how to obtain access to non-public material is available at 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission appoints Allison J. Levy to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. R2013–5 to consider matters raised by the Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Additional Functionally Equivalent Agreement, filed December 4, 2012.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Allison J. Levy 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 in this proceeding are due no later than December 17, 2012.

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

By the Commission.

**Ruth Ann Abrams,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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<sup>5</sup> To provide sufficient time for interested persons to comment in these proceedings, the Commission finds it appropriate to waive the 10-day comment period specified in 39 CFR 3010.44(a)(5). The modest extension will not prejudice either party to the agreement, given that 45 days' advance notice is provided.

## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2012–5; Order No. 1568]

### Standard Mail Pricing

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning an amendment to an existing negotiated service agreement with Canada Post Corporation. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 17, 2012.

**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:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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#### I. Introduction

On November 29, 2012, the Postal Service filed a notice informing the Commission of a development related to an amendment to an existing bilateral agreement with Canada Post Corporation (Notice).<sup>1</sup> The development involves the Postal Service's receipt of notification, from Canada Post Corporation, of an anticipated product launch date of January 14, 2013 for a certain inbound product. Notice at 1. Offering of the inbound product had been agreed to as one of several initiatives, but the launch date had not been determined at the time the amendment was executed.<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

The Postal Service asks that the Commission take note of the referenced amendment and of updated financial models demonstrating that the

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Amendment to Agreement, November 29, 2012 (Notice). The Agreement was approved in Order No. 1078, Order Concerning Rate Adjustment for Bilateral Agreement with Canada Post Negotiated Service Agreement, December 27, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> The Notice states that the amendment was previously filed with both the Commission and the Department of State. *Id.*

agreement continues to comport with 39 U.S.C. 3622(c)(10). *Id.* at 3.

### II. Contents of Filing

The Postal Service's filing consists of the Notice, two attachments, and a public Excel file. Attachment 1 is an application for non-public treatment of material filed under seal, which consists of the unredacted amendment to the contract and supporting financial documentation. *Id.* at 1. Attachment 2 is a redacted version of the material filed under seal. *Id.* at 1–2. The public Excel file contains redacted financial documentation. *Id.* at 2.

### III. Notice of Filing and Related Proceeding

The Commission hereby informs the public of the Postal Service's Notice and of the reopening of Docket No. R2012–5 for the limited purpose of considering issues raised by the Notice (the continued consistency of the underlying agreement with 39 U.S.C. 3622(c)(10)). Interested persons may submit comments no later than December 17, 2012. The public portions of the Postal Service's filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Information on how to obtain access to sealed material appears in 39 CFR part 3007. The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission reopens Docket No. R2012–5 for the limited purpose of considering matters raised by the amendment addressed in the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public for this aspect of this docket.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than December 17, 2012.

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

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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