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No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and CMX intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 12, 2010, CMX filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 16, 2010 (75 FR 20003).

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Development of High Toughness, Low Viscosity Resin for Reinforcing Pothole Patching Materials, TIP Award No. 7ONANB1OHO19

Notice is hereby given that, on May 20, 2010, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Development of High Toughness, Low Viscosity Resin for Reinforcing Pothole Patching Materials, TIP Award No. 7ONANB1OHO19 (“Resin for Reinforcing”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to the venture and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the venture are: Materia, Inc, Pasadena, CA; The University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA; The City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA; and Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services, Los Angeles, CA. The general area of Resin for Reinforcing’s planned activity is to repair but also reduce the traffic congestion and driver time delay.

The activities of this venture project will be partially funded by an award from the Technology Innovation

Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Antitrust Division

#### Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Open SystemC Initiative

Notice is hereby given that, on June 4, 2010, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* (“the Act”), Open SystemC Initiative (“OSCI”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Global Unichip Corp., Hsinchu City, TAIWAN, has been added as a party to this venture. Also, CoWare, Inc., Santa Clara, CA, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and OSCI intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On October 9, 2001, OSCI filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on January 3, 2002 (67 FR 350).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 4, 2010. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 16, 2010 (75 FR 20003).

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (10-077)]

### NASA Advisory Council; Exploration Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Exploration Committee of the NASA Advisory Council.

**DATES:** Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 8 a.m.–6:15 p.m., and Wednesday, August 4, 2010, 8 a.m.–11:30 a.m. (All times are p.d.t.)

**ADDRESSES:** NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, California 91109—Building 180, Room 101 (August 3, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. and August 4, 8 a.m.–11:30 a.m.); and von Karman Auditorium (August 3, 1 a.m.–6:15 p.m.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jane Parham, Exploration, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-1715; [jane.parham@nasa.gov](mailto:jane.parham@nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda topics for the meeting will include:

- Exploration, Constellation, and Human Research Programs Status.
- Heavy Lift and Propulsion Technology.
- International Space Cooperation and Other Partnerships.
- Joint Session with NASA Advisory Council Technology & Innovation Committee: Human Exploration Framework Team (HEFT), Cross-Cutting Capability Demonstration Missions, and NASA New Technology Initiatives.

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. For the sessions in Building 180, Room 101, (i.e., August 3 and 4 morning sessions), visitors will need to sign in and show a valid government-issued picture identification such as driver’s license or passport to enter the Jet Propulsion Laboratory campus, and must state they are attending the NASA Advisory Council Exploration Committee meeting in Building 180, Room 101. No later

than July 20, 2010, all non-U.S. citizens must submit the following information to Ms. Jane Parham, Room 7C27, NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20546; fax (202) 358-3406: Name, current address, citizenship, company affiliation (if applicable) to include address, telephone number, and their title, place of birth, date of birth, U.S. visa information to include type, number, and expiration date, U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable), Permanent Resident Alien card number and expiration date (if applicable), place and date of entry into the U.S., and passport information to include country of issue, number, and expiration date.

For questions, please call Jane Parham at (202) 358-1715.

Dated: July 8, 2010.

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Administration.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Order No. 485; Docket No. R2010-4]

### Postal Rate Changes

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under a 2006 postal reform law, a new approach to implementing rate changes for market dominant postal products, which include First-Class Mail, was adopted. In general, the new approach envisions annual rate adjustments based on changes in a specified Consumer Price Index (CPI). However, the law includes a provision allowing rate changes in excess of CPI under extraordinary or exceptional circumstances, contingent on a Commission determination on certain considerations. The Postal Service is invoking this provision for the first time and, in a filing with the Commission, is seeking an overall percentage increase of about 5.6 percent for market dominant products beginning January 2, 2011. It is also seeking some classification changes. This document provides the public with notice of the Postal Service's filing, a brief description of the contents, a discussion of the Commission's role and responsibilities, and an outline of related procedural steps.

**DATES:** Key dates include:

1. July 19, 2010: first technical conference.

2. August 5, 2010: deadline for filing suggested questions to be directed to Postal Service during public hearing.

3. August 10-12: public hearings.

4. Deadline for issuance of Commission determination.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for dates of additional technical conferences (if needed) and deadlines for initial and reply comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments and other filings electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system.

Those who cannot submit comments and filings electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for advice on alternative filing methods.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at <http://www.prc.gov> or 202-789-6820.

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### I. Introduction

On July 6, 2010, the Postal Service filed a proposed rate adjustment pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3622(d)(1)(E) and 39 CFR 3010.60, *et seq.*, of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> The filing seeks "to increase rates for market dominant products in excess of the otherwise applicable limitations of 39 U.S.C. 3622(b)(1)(A) and 39 CFR 3010.11." *Id.* at 11. The proposed prices represent an aggregate increase of approximately 5.6 percent and are to be implemented on January 2, 2011. *Id.*

### II. Background and Postal Service Filing

As part of the comprehensive changes enacted by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 (PAEA), 120 Stat. 3198, Congress has authorized the Postal Service to adjust rates for market-dominant products on the basis of "extraordinary or exceptional circumstances," provided the Commission determines that "such adjustment is reasonable and equitable and necessary to enable the Postal Service, under best practices of honest, efficient, and economical management, to maintain and continue the development of postal services of the kind and quality adapted to the needs of the United States."<sup>2</sup> 39 U.S.C. 3622(d)(1)(E).

<sup>1</sup> Exigent Request of the United States Postal Service, July 6, 2010 (Exigent Request).

<sup>2</sup> Rate adjustments under section 3622(d)(1)(E) for extraordinary or exceptional circumstances are

Section 3622(d)(1)(E) also required the Commission to establish procedures that permit exigent rate adjustments to be made on an expedited basis. *Id.* Commission determinations that a proposed exigent rate adjustment is "reasonable and equitable and necessary" can only be made "after notice and opportunity for a public hearing and comment, and within 90 days after any request by the Postal Service." *Id.* On October 29, 2007, the Commission adopted a new subpart E to its part 3010 market dominant product regulations. 39 CFR part 3010, subpart E. Subpart E established "a functional and flexible framework" for exigent rate cases. Order No. 43, at 65-73. Because of the statutory requirement that determinations on proposed exigent rate adjustments be made within 90 days of the date of filing, it was necessary for the Commission to adopt "streamlined proceedings" for exigent rate cases. *See id.* at 65-66 and 39 CFR 3010.64.

On May 7, 2010, the Commission announced that a technical conference would be held on June 16, 2010, to discuss procedures for handling the exigent rate case that the Postmaster General had previously suggested might be filed.<sup>3</sup> The Commission viewed the conference as an opportunity to discuss unique procedural considerations and to identify possible solutions to potential issues "that might otherwise complicate fair and meaningful participation by interested persons." Order No. 456 at 2. In a subsequent order, the Commission solicited topics for discussion at the conference.<sup>4</sup>

Participants in the June 16 conference discussed a broad spectrum of topics, including, for example, the desirability of technical conferences, the nature and extent of permissible discovery, the manner in which participants would be permitted to submit questions to the Commission for response by the Postal

commonly referred to as "exigent" rate adjustments, although the term "exigent" does not appear in the statute. Recognizing that the legal standard for assessing section 3622(d)(1)(E) rate adjustments is the "extraordinary and exceptional circumstances" standard, the Commission shall for convenience refer to rate adjustments proposed under section 3622(d)(1)(E) as "exigent rate adjustments" and to cases containing such rate adjustments as "exigent rate cases." *See also* Docket No. RM2007-1, Order Establishing Ratemaking Regulations for Market Dominant and Competitive Products, October 29, 2007, at 66 (Order No. 43).

<sup>3</sup> Docket No. PI2010-3, Notice and Order Providing for Technical Conference, May 7, 2010 (Order No. 456) at 1.

<sup>4</sup> Docket No. PI2010-3, Proposals for Topics of Discussion During the Technical Conference in Response to Order No. 456, June 9, 2010.