

of International Return Receipts similar to what is being proposed for domestic Return Receipts.

The Public Representative concurs that International Return Receipts (inbound and outbound) is dependent upon foreign postal operators and thus, defies meaningful measurement within the meaning of 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(2). Public Representative Comments at 12.

The Commission finds that International Return Receipts (inbound and outbound) is partly dependent upon foreign postal operators, which makes it difficult to design a meaningful performance measurement and reporting system. Because of this, it falls within the parameters of 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(2) for an exception from performance measurement reporting. The request for a semi-permanent exception from reporting is granted.

#### 14. International Reply Coupons

The Postal Service explains that International Reply Coupon (inbound and outbound) service allows a sender to prepay a reply mailpiece by purchasing reply coupons that are exchangeable for local postage stamps by postal administrators in member countries of the Universal Postal Union. Request at 24–25. It contends that because the transaction is complete at the time of purchase, and because no additional service is required, it is difficult to conceive of a meaningful system to define or measure service performance for this product. *Id.* at 24.

The Public Representative concurs that International Reply Coupons (outbound and inbound) is a transaction-based service which defies meaningful measurement within the meaning of 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(2). Public Representative Comments at 11.

The Commission finds that International Reply Coupon (inbound and outbound) service is a transaction-based service which falls within the parameters of 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(2) for an exception from performance measurement reporting. The request for a semi-permanent exception from reporting is granted.

#### E. Market Dominant Negotiated Service Agreements

Three market dominant negotiated service agreement products are currently active:

- The Bradford Group Negotiated Service Agreement;
- Life Line Screening Negotiated Service Agreement; and
- Canada Post–United States Postal Service Contractual Bilateral Agreement for Inbound Market Dominant Services.

The Postal Service asserts that the mail tendered under each negotiated service agreement already is included in

the measurement of other products: Standard Mail Letters for The Bradford Group; Standard Mail Letters and Flats for Life Line Screening; and Inbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International for Canada Post. It requests that all three agreements be excluded from reporting based upon the parameters of 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3), “[t]he product, or component of a product, is in the form of a negotiated service agreement with substantially all components of the agreement included in the measurement of other products.” Request at 25.

The Public Representative concurs that the semi-permanent exceptions for the three negotiated service agreements are justified under 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3). Public Representative Comments at 10–11.

The Commission finds that the listed negotiated service agreements fall within the parameters of 39 CFR 3055.3(a)(3) for exceptions from performance measurement reporting. The requests for semi-permanent exceptions from reporting are granted.

#### V. Ordering Paragraphs

##### *It is ordered:*

1. The Postal Service products, or components of products, listed following the signature page of this order are granted an exception from annual and periodic reporting of service performance achievements under 39 CFR part 3055, subparts A and B, pursuant to 39 CFR 3055.3. All other requests for exceptions are hereby denied.

2. The deadline for the Postal Service to file a request for waivers, originally established in Order No. 465, shall be extended until October 1, 2010.

3. The Motion for Leave to File Response to Comments of the Public Representative, filed August 12, 2010, is granted.

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

By the Commission.

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

#### Appendix

**The following products, or components of products, are granted an exception from annual and periodic reporting of service performance achievements under 39 CFR part 3055, subparts A and B, pursuant to 39 CFR 3055.3.**

#### **Special Services (the following listed products only)**

Ancillary Services (the following listed components of the product only):  
Address Correction Service (hard-copy)  
Business Reply Mail

Bulk Parcel Return  
Certificate of Mailing  
Merchandise Return  
Parcel Airlift (PAL)  
Restricted Delivery  
Shipper Paid Forwarding  
Special Handling  
Stamped Envelopes  
Stamped Cards  
Premium Stamped Stationary  
Premium Stamped Cards  
International Ancillary Services (the following listed components of the product only)  
International Certificate of Mailing  
International Registered Mail (outbound only)  
International Return Receipt  
International Restricted Delivery  
International Insurance (with Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU Rates))  
Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee  
Caller Service  
Change of Address Credit Card Authentication  
International Reply Coupon Service  
International Business Reply Mail Service  
Money Orders (sales aspect of this service only)  
Negotiated Service Agreements (the following listed products only):  
The Bradford Group Negotiated Service Agreement  
Life Line Screening Negotiated Service Agreement  
Canada Post–United States Postal Service Contractual Bilateral Agreement for Inbound Market Dominant Services

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#### **POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. CP2010–116, CP2010–117, and CP2010–118; Order No. 541]**

#### **New Postal Product**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to add three Global Expedited Package Services 3 contracts to the competitive product list. This notice addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov) or 202–789–6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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### I. Introduction

On September 16, 2010, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into three additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 (GEPS 3) contracts.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service believes the instant contracts are functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS contracts, and are supported by Governors' Decision No. 08-7, attached to the Notice and originally filed in Docket No. CP2008-4. *Id.* at 1, Attachment 3. The Notice explains that Order No. 86, which established GEPS 1 as a product, also authorized functionally equivalent agreements to be included within the product, provided that they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 2. In Order No. 290, the Commission approved the GEPS 2 product.<sup>2</sup> In Order No. 503, the Commission approved the GEPS 3 product. Additionally, the Postal Service requested to have the contract in Docket No. CP2010-71 serve as the baseline contract for future functional equivalence analyses of the GEPS 3 product.

*The instant contracts.* The Postal Service filed the instant contracts pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that each contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. The term of each contract is one year from the date the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulatory approvals have been received. Notice at 3. In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

Attachment 1A, 1B and 1C—redacted copies of the three contracts and applicable annexes;

Attachment 2A, 2B and 2C—certified statements required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) for each contract;

Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7 which establishes prices and classifications for GEPS contracts, a description of applicable GEPS contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis of the formulas, and certification of the Governors' vote; and

Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of materials to

maintain redacted portions of the contract and supporting documents under seal.

The Notice advances reasons why the instant GEPS 3 contracts fit within the Mail Classification Schedule language for the GEPS product. The Postal Service identifies customer-specific information and general contract terms that distinguish the instant contracts from the baseline GEPS 3 agreement. *Id.* at 4-5. It states that the differences, which include price variations based on updated costing information and volume commitments, do not alter the contracts' functional equivalency. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service asserts that "[b]ecause the agreements incorporate the same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant characteristics of these three GEPS contracts are similar, if not the same, as the relevant characteristics of previously filed contracts." *Id.*

The Postal Service concludes that its filings demonstrate that each of the new GEPS 3 contracts complies with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the baseline GEPS 3 contract. Therefore, it requests that the instant contracts be included within the GEPS 3 product. *Id.* at 5.

### II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. CP2010-116, CP2010-117 and CP2010-118 for consideration of matters related to the contracts identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

These dockets are addressed on a consolidated basis for purposes of this order. Filings with respect to a particular contract should be filed in that docket.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contracts are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than September 24, 2010. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in the captioned proceedings.

### III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. CP2010-116, CP2010-117 and CP2010-118 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than September 24, 2010.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as the

officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

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

By the Commission.

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

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on September 29, 2010, 10 a.m. at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

#### (1) Executive Committee Reports

The entire meeting will be open to the public. The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: September 20, 2010.

**Beatrice Ezerski,**  
*Secretary to the Board.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12258 and #12259]

### Iowa Disaster Number IA-00026

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 4.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Iowa (FEMA-1930-DR), dated 07/29/2010.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes.

*Incident Period:* 06/01/2010 through 08/31/2010.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 08/31/2010.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/27/2010.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 04/29/2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Three Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreements and Application For Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, September 16, 2010 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Docket No. CP2009-50, Order Granting Clarification and Adding Global Expedited Package Services 2 to the Competitive Product List, August 28, 2009 (Order No. 290).