

public meeting rather than a public hearing. If you wish to meet with us to discuss the amendment, please request a meeting by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All such meetings are open to the public; if possible, we will post notices of meetings at the locations listed under **ADDRESSES**. We will make a written summary of each meeting a part of the administrative record.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866—Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review).

Other Laws and Executive Orders Affecting Rulemaking

When a State submits a program amendment to OSMRE for review, our regulations at 30 CFR 732.17(h) require us to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** indicating receipt of the proposed amendment, its text or a summary of its terms, and an opportunity for public comment. We conclude our review of the proposed amendment after the close of the public comment period and determine whether the amendment should be approved, approved in part, or not approved. At that time, we will also make the determinations and certifications required by the various laws and executive orders governing the rulemaking process and include them in the final rule.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 950

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: October 8, 2014.

Ervin J. Barchenger,

Acting Regional Director, Western Region.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket Nos. RM2015-3; Order No. 2240]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning a Proposed Rulemaking on Analytical Principles Used in Periodic Reporting (Proposal Ten). This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public

comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* November 26, 2014.

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

On November 3, 2014, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports.¹ Text attached to the Petition identifies the proposed analytical method changes filed in this docket as Proposal Ten, A Proposal to Incorporate New Field Study Data into Three Parcel Mail Processing Cost Models and the Standard Mail Destination Entry Cost Model. *Id.* Attachment at 1. The Postal Service concurrently filed two library references, along with an application for nonpublic treatment for one.²

II. Summary of Proposal

New study. Currently, the Postal Service uses productivity data from a 2009 field study to develop cost estimates in four models filed as part of its Annual Compliance Report.³ *Id.* The

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Ten), November 3, 2014 (Petition).

² Notice of Filing of USPS—RM2015-3/1, USPS—RM2015-3/NP1, and Application for Nonpublic Treatment, November 3, 2014 (Notice). The Notice incorporates by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials contained in Attachment Two to the December 27, 2013 United States Postal Service Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Compliance Report. Notice at 1. See 39 CFR part 3007 for information on access to nonpublic material.

³ The referenced models are the Standard Mail parcel mail processing cost model (USPS—FY13-12); the Standard Mail destination entry cost model (USPS—FY13-13); the Media Mail-Library Mail mail processing cost model (USPS—FY13-15); and the Parcel Select/Parcel Return Service mail processing cost model (USPS—FY13-NP15). Petition, Attachment at 2.

Postal Service now has productivity data from a new study (2014 Study) conducted at several types of facilities, and proposes incorporating these results into the referenced cost models.⁴ *Id.* at 3.

The Postal Service states that the proposed productivity updates affect two other models because some of the results (from two of the four models) are used as inputs to other cost studies.⁵ *Id.* All six models, as revised by the updates, appear in the library references. *Id.*

The 2014 Study also provides NDC data on postal arrival and dispatch profiles and mail piece dimension data by mail type. *Id.* at 6-7. The Postal Service also proposes incorporating these data into the relevant mail processing cost models. *Id.*

Cost impacts. The Postal Service summarizes the cost impacts of the proposed modifications on the public cost models in Tables 1 through 5. *Id.* at 8. It summarizes the cost impacts of the proposed modifications on the Parcel Select/Parcel Return Service mail processing unit cost estimates in an Excel file in the non-public library reference.⁶ Petition, Attachment at 8.

III. Initial Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015-3 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. Additional information concerning the Petition may be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition no later than November 26, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than December 12, 2014. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Nina Yeh is designated as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015-3 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Ten), filed November 3, 2014.

⁴ The facilities in the 2014 Study include network distribution centers (NDCs); auxiliary service facilities; processing and distribution centers; and delivery units. *Id.*

⁵ The two cost models affected by the results of the productivity updates are the Bulk Parcel Return Service cost model and the Standard Mail Enhanced Carrier Route mail processing cost model. *Id.* at 3.

⁶ See USPS—RM2015-3/NP1, 'PROP.10.IMPACT.NONPUB.xlsx.'

2. Comments are due no later than November 26, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than December 12, 2014.

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

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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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket Nos. RM2015-2; Order No. 2238]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the initiation of a proceeding to considered changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports (Proposal Nine). This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* November 21, 2014. *Reply comments are due:* December 5, 2014.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On October 31, 2014, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate an informal

rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports.¹ Text attached to the Petition identifies the proposed analytical method changes filed in this docket as Proposal Nine, Refine Split of City Carrier Costs into Office and Street Components. *Id.* Attachment at 1. The Postal Service concurrently filed two library references, along with an application for nonpublic treatment for one.²

II. Summary of Proposal

The existing costing methodology for city carriers requires data on the percentage of time spent in the office versus on the street. Petition, Attachment at 1. Currently, separating city carrier accrued costs into office costs (cost segment 6) and street costs (cost segment 7) relies on the In-Office Cost System (IOCS). *Id.* The Postal Service proposes replacing this methodology with the Time and Attendance Collection System (TACS), and making related changes. One is the proposed use of a recent set of City Carrier Street Route Inspections (collected on Form 3999), rather than IOCS, to determine the proportion of street costs incurred due to loading or unloading the vehicle. *Id.* Another is a proposed update to the methodology for attributing and distributing certain related costs that are currently part of the combined Office/Street Burdens, with assignment depending on whether the carrier is clocked to the office or to the street. *Id.* The proposed changes are based on the Postal Service's assertion that its operational systems have matured to the point where they can now provide the necessary data, so the percentage estimated by IOCS can be replaced with census data from TACS. *Id.*

The Postal Service also provides details on several components of Proposal Nine, some of which entail additional methodology changes. For example, in the costing methodology for motor vehicle services in cost segment 12, the Postal Service proposes

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Nine), October 31, 2014 (Petition).

² Notice of Filing of USPS-RM2015-2/1, USPS-RM2015-2/NP1, and Application for Nonpublic Treatment, October 31, 2014. One library reference is USPS-RM2015-2/1, Public Material Relating to Proposal Nine; the other is USPS-RM2015-2/NP1, Nonpublic Material Relating to Proposal Nine. The Notice of Filing incorporates by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials contained in Attachment Two to the December 27, 2013 United States Postal Service Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Compliance Report. Notice at 1. See 39 CFR part 3007 for information on access to nonpublic material.

replacing the current IOCS proxy for the office/street percentage split for motorized routes with the split of workhours available from Delivery Operations Information Systems (DOIS). *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service also proposes, in the costing methodology for vehicle driveout and carfare in cost segment 13, to replace the current proxy from IOCS for the office/street percentage split for foot routes with the split of workhours available from DOIS. *Id.* at 3-4.

Cost impacts. The Postal Service states that Table 1 shows that Proposal Nine, in aggregate, results in an increase in support costs from \$1.9 billion to \$2.7 billion, and a decrease in aggregate office and street costs from \$646 million to \$291 million. *Id.* at 5-6. It states that Table 2 (public version) shows the impact on product costs, and that an expanded nonpublic version also shows the impact on individual competitive products. *Id.* at 6.

Anticipated implementation date. The Postal Service anticipates implementing this methodology change at the conclusion of fiscal year 2015. *Id.* at 1.

III. Initial Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015-2 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. Additional information concerning the Petition may be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and Proposal Nine no later than November 21, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than December 5, 2014. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Anne C. O'Connor is designated as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015-2 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Nine), filed October 31, 2014.

2. Comments are due no later than November 21, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than December 5, 2014.

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