

ESSA Section 8007(2) also provides that if a Tribal governing body or school board of a BIE-funded school determines the requirements established by the Secretary of the Interior are inappropriate, they may waive, in part or in whole, such requirements. Where such requirements are waived, the Tribal governing body or school board shall, within 60 days, submit to the Secretary of the Interior a proposal for alternative standards, assessments, and an accountability system, if applicable, consistent with ESEA Section 1111. The proposal must take into account the unique circumstances and needs of the school or schools and the students served. The proposal will be approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Education, unless the Secretary of Education determines that the standards, assessments, and accountability system do not meet the requirements of ESEA Section 1111. Additionally, a Tribal governing body or school board of a BIE-funded school seeking a waiver may request, and the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Education will provide, technical assistance.

Due to the statutory changes described above, we are expanding the scope of the negotiated rulemaking committee to receive recommendations and revise our current regulations (25 CFR part 30). This document provides notice that we are expanding the scope and reopens the comment period for: (1) Nominations of individuals for membership on the Committee and (2) comments on the proposal to establish the Committee, including comments on additional interests not identified in this notice of intent and comments on the expansion of the scope of the Committee.

III. The Committee and Its Process

The BIE encourages Tribal self-determination in Native education, encouraging Tribes to develop alternative standards, assessments, and an accountability system and providing technical assistance.

The negotiated rulemaking committee would be charged, consistent with Section 8007, to provide recommendations that encourage the exercise of the authority of Tribes to adopt their own standards, assessments, and an accountability system. Additionally, the Committee will be asked to provide recommendations on how BIE could best provide technical assistance under Section 8007(2).

IV. Nominations

Each nomination is expected to include a nomination for a

representative and an alternate who can fulfill the obligations of membership should the representative be unable to attend. The Committee membership should also reflect the diversity of Tribal interests, and Tribes should nominate representatives and alternates who will:

- Have knowledge of school assessments and accountability systems;
- Have relevant experience as past or present superintendents, principals, teachers, or school board members, or possess direct experience with Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP);
- Be able to coordinate, to the extent possible, with other Tribes and schools who may not be represented on the Committee;
- Be able to represent the Tribe(s) with the authority to embody Tribal views, communicate with Tribal constituents, and have a clear means to reach agreement on behalf of the Tribe(s);
- Be able to negotiate effectively on behalf of the Tribe(s) represented;
- Be able to commit the time and effort required to attend and prepare for meetings; and
- Be able to collaborate among diverse parties in a consensus-seeking process.

We will consider nominations for Tribal committee representatives only if they are nominated through the process identified in this notice of intent and in the **Federal Register** notice of intent at 80 FR 69161. We will not consider any nominations that we receive in any other manner. We will also not consider nominations for Federal representatives. Only the Secretary may nominate Federal employees to the Committee.

Based upon the proportionate share of students (see Section V of **Federal Register** notice of intent at 80 FR 69161), some Tribes similar in affiliation or geography are grouped together for one seat. It will be necessary for such nominating Tribes either to co-nominate a single tribal representative to represent the multi-tribal jurisdiction or for each Tribe in the multi-tribal jurisdiction to nominate a representative with the knowledge that BIE will be able to appoint only one of the nominees who will then be responsible for representing the entire multi-tribal jurisdiction on the Committee.

Nominations must include the following information about each nominee:

- (1) A letter from the Tribe supporting the nomination of the individual to serve as a Tribal representative for the Committee;
- (2) A resume reflecting the nominee's qualifications and experience in Indian

education; resume to include the nominee's name, Tribal affiliation, job title, major job duties, employer, business address, business telephone and fax numbers (and business email address, if applicable);

(3) The Tribal interest(s) to be represented by the nominee (see Section IV, Part F of **Federal Register** notice of intent at 80 FR 69161) and whether the nominee will represent other interest(s) related to this rulemaking, as the Tribe may designate; and

(4) A brief description of how the nominee will represent Tribal views, communicate with Tribal constituents, and have a clear means to reach agreement on behalf of the Tribe(s) they are representing.

(5) A statement on whether the nominee is only representing one Tribe's views or whether the expectation is that the nominee represents a specific group of Tribes.

To be considered, nominations must be received by the close of business on the date listed in the **DATES** section, at the location indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section.

If you already submitted a nomination prior to the December 24, 2015, deadline, your application will still be considered.

Certification

For the above reasons, I hereby certify that the Accountability Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is in the public interest.

Dated: April 6, 2016.

Lawrence S. Roberts,
Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket No. RM2016-7; Order No. 3225]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent filing requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports (Proposal One). This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* May 20, 2016. *Reply Comments are due:* June 6, 2016.

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 April 5, 2016, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider a proposed change in analytical principles relating to periodic reports.¹ The Petition includes a description of Proposal One and several attachments. Petition at 1.

Proposal One seeks the Commission's authorization of a change in the current

methodology for reporting revenue, pieces, and weight in the Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (RPW) report² for specified international outbound products. *Id.*

II. Summary of Proposal

The proposed methodology and program changes relate to the System for International Revenue and Volume, Outbound, and International Origin Destination Information System (SIRVO) as it relates to RPW reporting for the outbound international product categories in Table 1. *Id.* at 2-3.

TABLE 1—LIST OF AFFECTED OUTBOUND INTERNATIONAL PRODUCT CATEGORIES

Market dominant	Competitive
Outbound First-Class Mail International	Outbound Priority Mail International.
U.S. Postal Service Mail	Outbound Direct Sacks (M-bags).
Free Mail	First-Class Package International Service.
International Ancillary Services	International Ancillary Services.

Source: Petition at 2-3.

Under Proposal One, the Postal Service seeks to enhance the data and estimates of the SIRVO. *Id.* at 2. The current SIRVO estimator of revenue and pieces is a probability-based statistical expansion estimator, which uses sample data. *Id.* at 3. The proposed SIRVO estimator would be a model-based regression estimator, based on census data. *Id.* at 5. This proposed estimator would also include census data from additional sources at a more granular level. *Id.* at 7.

The Postal Service asserts that adoption of this proposal will significantly reduce the margins of error for product revenues and volumes. *Id.* at 10. These improvements will primarily affect estimates for Priority Mail International, First-Class Mail International, and First-Class Package International Service. *Id.*

The Postal Service further asserts that "approximately 50 percent of the revenue . . . of the proposed SIRVO's product estimates for FY2015 are based upon census data sources." *Id.* at 8. Proposal One would not affect the amount of total FY 2015 revenue, but total competitive revenue would increase, with a corresponding decrease in market dominant revenue. *Id.* at 8-9. Total FY 2015 volume would increase, with competitive volumes increasing and market dominant volumes decreasing. *Id.*

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal One), April 5, 2016 (Petition). Attachment A provides a detailed description of the proposal.

III. Initial Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2016-7 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 One no later than May 20, 2016. Reply comments are due no later than June 6, 2016. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Cassie D'Souza is designated as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2016-7 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal One), filed April 5, 2016.

2. Comments are due no later than May 20, 2016. Reply comments are due no later than June 6, 2016.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Cassie D'Souza to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

Attachment B provides product-level impacts. Attachment C is a technical note on the proposed system estimator. The Postal Service filed a non-public version of Attachment B. Notice of Filing of

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

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

[Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2015-0129; 4500030113]

RIN 1018-BA93

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for *Platanthera integrilabia* (White Fringeless Orchid)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of the comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 15, 2015, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announced a proposed rule to list *Platanthera integrilabia* (white fringeless orchid), a plant species from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky,

USPS-RM2016-7/NP1 and Application for Nonpublic Treatment, April 5, 2016.

² The RPW is filed quarterly with the Commission pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.25. *Id.* at 3.