

## I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

### A. Obtaining Information

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- *Federal Rulemaking Website*: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2020–0024.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)*: You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML20310A196.

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- *NRC's Clearance Officer*: A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting the NRC's Clearance Officer, David Cullison, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–2084; email: [Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:Infocollects.Resource@nrc.gov).

### B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC–2020–0024 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for

submission to the OMB, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a proposed collection of information to OMB for review entitled, NRC Form 446, "Request for Approval of International Foreign Travel by Non-Government Personnel." The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on August 27, 2020, (85 FR 53023).

1. *The title of the information collection*: NRC Form 446, "Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel by Non-Government Personnel."

2. *OMB approval number*: An OMB control number has not yet been assigned to this proposed information collection.

3. *Type of submission*: New.

4. *The form number if applicable*: NRC Form 446.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested*: As needed.

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond*: Individuals who are not federal employees or individuals requesting official international travel on behalf of the NRC that is not being requested under the provisions of an active NRC contract.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses*: 1.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents*: 1.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request*: 1.

10. *Abstract*: The information collected on NRC Form 446 is required to justify and receive approval for official international travel by individuals who are not federal employees or who are not traveling under the provisions of an active NRC contract. The information collected is required to coordinate with and obtain approval from the appropriate U.S.

Department of State Chief of Mission. Absent the collected information, the official travel may not be approved.

Dated: December 30, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**David C. Cullison,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. ACR2020; Order No. 5796]

### FY 2020 Annual Compliance Report

**AGENCY**: Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: The Postal Service has filed an Annual Compliance Report on the costs, revenues, rates, and quality of service associated with its products in fiscal year 2020. Within 90 days, the Commission must evaluate that information and issue its determination as to whether rates were in compliance with title 39, chapter 36, and whether service standards in effect were met. To assist in this, the Commission seeks public comments on the Postal Service's Annual Compliance Report.

**DATES**: *Comments are due*: February 1, 2021. *Reply Comments are due*: February 12, 2021.

**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 December 29, 2020, the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) filed with the Commission its Annual Compliance Report (ACR) for fiscal year (FY) 2020, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3652.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service FY 2020 Annual Compliance Report, December 29, 2020, at 1 (FY 2020 ACR). Public portions of the Postal Service's filing are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.prc.gov>.

Section 3652 requires submission of data and information on the costs, revenues, rates, and quality of service associated with postal products within 90 days of the closing of each fiscal year. In conformance with other statutory provisions and Commission rules, the ACR includes the Postal Service's FY 2020 Comprehensive Statement, its FY 2020 annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury on the Competitive Products Fund, and certain related Competitive Products Fund material. *See respectively*, 39 U.S.C. 3652(g), 39 U.S.C. 2011(i), and 39 CFR 3060.20–23. In line with past practice, some of the material in the FY 2020 ACR appears in non-public annexes.

The filing begins a review process that results in an Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) issued by the Commission to determine whether Postal Service products offered during FY 2020 were in compliance with applicable title 39 requirements.

## II. Overview of the Postal Service's FY 2020 ACR

*Contents of the filing.* The Postal Service's FY 2020 ACR consists of a 75-page narrative; extensive additional material appended as separate folders and identified in Attachment One; and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials, along with supporting rationale, filed as Attachment Two. The filing also includes the Comprehensive Statement,<sup>2</sup> Report to the Secretary of the Treasury, and information on the Competitive Products Fund filed in response to Commission rules. This material has been filed electronically with the Commission.

*Scope of the filing.* The material appended to the narrative consists of: (1) Domestic product costing material filed on an annual basis summarized in the Cost and Revenue Analysis (CRA); (2) comparable international costing material summarized in the International Cost and Revenue Analysis (ICRA); (3) worksharing-related cost studies; and (4) billing determinant information for both domestic and international mail. FY 2020 ACR at 2–3. Inclusion of these four data sets is consistent with the Postal Service's past ACR practices. As with past ACRs, the Postal Service has split certain materials

into public and non-public versions. *Id.* at 3.

*“Roadmap” document.* A roadmap to the FY 2020 ACR can be found in Library Reference USPS–FY20–9. This document provides brief descriptions of the materials submitted, as well as the flow of inputs and outputs among them; a discussion of differences in methodology relative to Commission methodologies in last year's ACD; and a list of special studies and a discussion of obsolescence, as required by Commission rule 3050.12. *Id.* at 3–4.

*Methodology.* The Postal Service states that it has adhered to the methodologies historically used by the Commission subject to changes identified and discussed in Library Reference USPS–FY20–9 and in prefaces accompanying the appended folders. *Id.* at 4.

*Market dominant product-by-product costs, revenues, and volumes.* Comprehensive cost, revenue, and volume data for all market dominant products of general applicability are shown directly in the FY 2020 CRA or ICRA. *Id.* at 6.

The FY 2020 ACR includes a discussion by class of each market dominant product, including costs, revenues, and volumes, workshare discounts, and passthroughs responsive to 39 U.S.C. 3652(b), and FY 2020 promotions. *Id.* at 6–35.

In response to the Commission's FY 2010 ACD directives,<sup>3</sup> the Postal Service states that it is providing information regarding its progress in increasing Flats prices, implementing operation changes aimed at lowering flats costs, effectuating costing methodology improvements, and phasing out the subsidy in Flats. FY 2020 ACR at 21. In Docket No. RM2018–1, the Commission codified and expanded the first directive as Rule 3050.50(f), which applies to all flat-shaped mail.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, the Postal Service states that the information required by Rule 3050.50(f) is provided in Library Reference USPS–FY2020–45, noting that the section titled “Costing Methodology Changes and Subsidy of the Flats Product” responds to the second and third directives. FY 2020 ACR at 23–26. In addition, the Postal Service presented its schedule of above-average price increases for Flats. *Id.* at 22.

*Service performance.* The Postal Service notes that the Commission

issued rules on periodic reporting of service performance measurement and customer satisfaction in FY 2010. Responsive information appears in Library Reference USPS–FY20–29. *Id.* at 36.

*Customer satisfaction.* The FY 2020 ACR discusses the Postal Service's approach for measuring customer experience and satisfaction; discusses survey modifications; describes the methodology; presents a table with survey results; compares the results from FY 2019 to FY 2020; and provides information regarding consumer access to postal services. *Id.* at 40–60.

*Competitive products.* The FY 2020 ACR provides costs, revenues, and volumes for competitive products of general applicability in the FY 2020 CRA or ICRA. For competitive products not of general applicability, data are provided in non-public Library References USPS–FY20–NP2 and USPS–FY20–NP27. *Id.* at 64. The FY 2020 ACR also addresses the competitive product pricing standards of 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 64–71.

*Market tests; nonpostal services.* The Postal Service discusses three market dominant market tests conducted during FY 2020 as well as nonpostal services. *Id.* at 72–73.

## III. Procedural Steps

*Statutory requirements.* Section 3653 of title 39 requires the Commission to provide interested persons with an opportunity to comment on the ACR and to appoint an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public. The Commission hereby solicits public comment on the Postal Service's FY 2020 ACR and on whether any rates or fees in effect during FY 2020 (for products individually or collectively) were not in compliance with applicable provisions of chapter 36 of title 39 or Commission regulations promulgated thereunder. Commenters addressing market dominant products are referred in particular to the applicable requirements (39 U.S.C. 3622(d) and (e) and 39 U.S.C. 3626); objectives (39 U.S.C. 3622(b)); and factors (39 U.S.C. 3622(c)). Commenters addressing competitive products are referred to 39 U.S.C. 3633.

The Commission also invites public comment on the cost coverage matters the Postal Service addresses in its filing; service performance results; levels of customer satisfaction achieved; and such other matters that may be relevant to the Commission's review.

*Access to filing.* The Commission has posted the publicly available portions of

<sup>2</sup>In years prior to 2013, the Commission reviewed the Postal Service's reports prepared pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 2803 and 39 U.S.C. 2804 (filed as the Comprehensive Statement by the Postal Service) in its ACD. However, as it has for the past several years, the Commission intends to issue a separate notice soliciting comments on the comprehensive statement and provide its related analysis in a separate report from the ACD.

<sup>3</sup>Docket No. ACR2010, Annual Compliance Determination, March 29, 2011, at 106–107 (FY 2010 ACD).

<sup>4</sup>*Id.* at 23; *see* Docket No. RM2018–1, Order Adopting Final Rules on Reporting Requirements Related to Flats, May 8, 2019 (Order No. 5086).

the FY 2020 ACR on its website at: <http://www.prc.gov>.

**Comment deadlines.** Comments by interested persons are due on or before February 1, 2021. Reply comments are due on or before February 12, 2021. The Commission, upon completion of its review of the FY 2020 ACR, comments, and other data and information submitted in this proceeding, will issue its ACD.

**Public Representative.** Kenneth E. Richardson is designated to serve as the Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. Neither the Public Representative nor any additional persons assigned to assist him shall participate in or advise as to any Commission decision in this proceeding other than in his or her designated capacity.

#### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. ACR2020 to consider matters raised by the United States Postal Service's FY 2020 Annual Compliance Report.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Kenneth E. Richardson as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) in this proceeding to represent the interests of the general public.

3. Comments on the United States Postal Service's FY 2020 Annual Compliance Report to the Commission are due on or before February 1, 2021.

4. Reply comments are due on or before February 12, 2021.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Erica A. Barker,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-90834; File No. SR-FICC-2020-804]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Extension of the Review Period of an Advance Notice To Modify the Calculation of the MBSD VaR Floor To Incorporate a Minimum Margin Amount

December 31, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

entitled the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 ("Clearing Supervision Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on November 27, 2020, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the advance notice SR-FICC-2020-804 ("Advance Notice") as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the clearing agency.<sup>3</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the Advance Notice from interested persons and to extend the review period of the Advance Notice for an additional 60 days pursuant to Section 806(e)(1)(H) of the Clearing Supervision Act.<sup>4</sup>

#### I. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Advance Notice

This advance notice of Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") is attached [sic] hereto as Exhibit 5 and consists of a proposal to modify the calculation of the VaR Floor (as defined below) and the corresponding description in the FICC Mortgage-Backed Securities Division ("MBSD") Clearing Rules ("MBSD Rules")<sup>5</sup> to incorporate a "Minimum Margin Amount" as described in greater detail below.

The proposal would necessitate changes to the Methodology and Model Operations Document—MBSD Quantitative Risk Model (the "QRM Methodology"), which is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.<sup>6</sup> FICC is requesting

<sup>1</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i).

<sup>3</sup> On November 20, 2020, FICC filed this Advance Notice as a proposed rule change (SR-FICC-2020-017) with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, 17 CFR 240.19b-4. A copy of the proposed rule change is available at <http://www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.aspx> ("Proposed Rule Change").

<sup>4</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1)(H).

<sup>5</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the MBSD Rules, available at [http://www.dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/ficc\\_mbsd\\_rules.pdf](http://www.dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/ficc_mbsd_rules.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> Because FICC requested confidential treatment, the QRM Methodology was filed separately with the Secretary of the Commission as part of proposed rule change SR-FICC-2016-007 (the "VaR Filing"). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79868 (January 24, 2017), 82 FR 8780 (January 30, 2017) (SR-FICC-2016-007) ("VaR Filing Approval Order"). FICC also filed the VaR Filing proposal as an advance notice pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of the Clearing Supervision Act (12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1)) and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i) under the Act (17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i)), with respect to which the Commission issued a Notice of No Objection. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79843 (January 19, 2017), 82 FR 8555 (January 26, 2017) (SR-FICC-

confidential treatment of this document and has filed it separately with the Secretary of the Commission.<sup>7</sup>

#### II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Advance Notice

In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the Advance Notice and discussed any comments it received on the Advance Notice. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A and B below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### (A) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Advance Notice Received From Members, Participants, or Others

FICC has not received or solicited any written comments relating to this proposal. FICC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by FICC.

##### (B) Advance Notice Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Clearing Supervision Act

###### Description of Proposed Change

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to modify the calculation of the VaR Floor and the corresponding description in the MBSD Rules to incorporate a Minimum Margin Amount.

The proposed changes would necessitate changes to the QRM Methodology. The proposed changes are described in detail below.

###### (i) Overview of the Required Fund Deposit and Clearing Fund Calculation

A key tool that FICC uses to manage market risk is the daily calculation and collection of Required Fund Deposits from Clearing Members. The Required Fund Deposit serves as each Clearing Member's margin. The aggregate of all Clearing Members' Required Fund Deposits constitutes the Clearing Fund of MBSD, which FICC would access should a defaulting Clearing Member's own Required Fund Deposit be insufficient to satisfy losses to FICC caused by the liquidation of that Clearing Member's portfolio.

The objective of a Clearing Member's Required Fund Deposit is to mitigate

2016-801). The QRM Methodology has been amended following the VaR Filing Approval Order. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 85944 (May 24, 2019), 84 FR 25315 (May 31, 2019) (SR-FICC-2019-001) and 90182 (October 14, 2020) 85 FR 66630 (October 20, 2020) (SR-FICC-2020-009).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.24b-2.