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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2023–149 and CP2023–152; MC2023–150 and CP2023–153; MC2023–151 and CP2023–154]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* May 18, 2023.

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

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the

proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern Market Dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern Competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2023–149 and CP2023–152; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service & Parcel Select Contract 118 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* May 10, 2023; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative:* Kenneth R. Moeller; *Comments Due:* May 18, 2023.

2. *Docket No(s):* MC2023–150 and CP2023–153; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service & Parcel Select Contract 13 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* May 10, 2023; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative:* Gregory S. Stanton; *Comments Due:* May 18, 2023.

3. *Docket No(s):* MC2023–151 and CP2023–154; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service & Parcel Select Contract 14 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* May 10, 2023; *Filing*

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative:* Gregory S. Stanton; *Comments Due:* May 18, 2023.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Change in Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice of a change in classifications of general applicability for competitive products.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth changes in classifications of general applicability for competitive products, namely, Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail. The changes begin the “wind-down” period for the Loyalty Program.

DATES: *Applicable:* June 10, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 9, 2023, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3632, the Governors of the Postal Service established classification changes for competitive products. The Governors’ Decision and the record of proceedings in connection with such decision are reprinted below in accordance with section 3632(b)(2). Mail Classification Schedule language containing the new classification changes can be found at www.prc.gov.

Tram T. Pham,

Attorney, Ethics and Legal Compliance.

Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors’ Decision No. 23–4)

May 9, 2023

Statement of Explanation and Justification

Pursuant to authority under section 3632 of title 39, as amended by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 (“PAEA”), we establish classification changes of general applicability for certain competitive products, specifically Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail. The changes are described generally below, with a detailed description of the changes in the attachment. The attachment

includes the draft Mail Classification Schedule sections with classification changes in legislative format.

First introduced in August 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Loyalty Program proved to be a valuable incentive program for the Postal Service's small and micro business customers who utilize Click-N-Ship to ship packages at Retail rates. Despite the successes of the Loyalty Program, management has determined to offer a new opportunity for its small and micro business customers by permitting them to access commercial rates via Click-N-Ship. Accordingly, management has deemed it appropriate to begin to sunset the existing Loyalty Program over the next twelve months.

Beginning on June 10, 2023, Loyalty Program customers will no longer be able to earn additional credits on Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail shipments via Click-N-Ship. Credits must then be redeemed no later than June 9, 2024, which will conclude the one-year wind down period. Customers will be able to redeem their credits on Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail shipments that are made at Commercial rates during this wind down period. After the conclusion of this wind down period in 2024, the Postal Service intends to remove the Loyalty Program from the Mail Classification Schedule in a subsequent Commission filing.

Order

The changes in classification set forth herein shall be effective on June 10, 2023. We direct the Secretary to have this decision published in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2), and direct management to file with the Postal Regulatory Commission appropriate notice of these changes.

By The Governors:

/s/ _____

Roman Martinez IV,
Chairman, Board of Governors.

United States Postal Service Office of the Board of Governors

Certification of Governors' Vote on Governors' Decision No. 23-4

Consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632(a), I hereby certify that, on May 9, 2023, the Governors voted on adopting Governors' Decision No. 23-4, and that a majority of the Governors then holding office voted in favor of that Decision.

/s/ _____

Date: May 9, 2023

Michael J. Elston,

Secretary of the Board of Governors.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Change in Rates and Classes of General Applicability for Competitive Products

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice of a change in rates and classifications of general applicability for competitive products.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth changes in rates and classifications of general applicability for competitive products.

DATES: *Applicable:* July 9, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Reed, 202-268-3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 9, 2023, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3632, the Governors of the Postal Service established prices and classification changes for competitive products. The Governors' Decision and the record of proceedings in connection with such decision are reprinted below in accordance with section 3632(b)(2). Mail Classification Schedule language containing the new prices and classification changes can be found at www.prc.gov.

Tram T. Pham,

Attorney, Ethics and Legal Compliance.

Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates and Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 23-3)

May 9, 2023

Statement of Explanation and Justification

Pursuant to authority under section 3632 of title 39, as amended by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 ("PAEA"), we establish prices and classifications of general applicability for the Postal Service's competitive products. The changes are described generally below, with a detailed description of the changes in the Postal Service's associated draft Mail Classification Schedule change document. That document contains the draft Mail Classification Schedule sections with classification changes in legislative format, and new prices displayed in the price charts.

As shown in the nonpublic annex being filed under seal herewith, the changes we establish should enable each competitive product to cover its attributable costs (39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(2)) and should result in competitive products as a whole complying with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(3), which, as implemented by 39 CFR 3035.107(c), requires competitive products collectively to contribute a minimum of 10.4 percent to the Postal Service's institutional costs. Accordingly, no issue of subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products should arise (39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(1)). We therefore find that the new prices and classification changes are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632-3633 and 39 CFR 3035.102 and 104.

I. Domestic Products

A. Priority Mail Express

Priority Mail Express prices will remain unchanged for July 2023, and the existing structure of Retail and Commercial price categories will be maintained.

B. Priority Mail

Priority Mail prices will remain unchanged for July 2023, and the existing structure of Retail and Commercial price categories will be maintained.

C. Parcel Select

On average, Parcel Select prices as a whole will increase 1.4 percent. Prices for destination-entered non-Lightweight Parcel Select, the Postal Service's bulk ground shipping product, will increase 2.1 percent on average. For destination delivery unit (DDU) entered parcels, prices will remain unchanged. For destination sectional center facility (DSCF) destination entered parcels, the average price increase is 5.7 percent. For destination network distribution center (DNDC) parcels, the average price increase is 0.9 percent. No additional price changes for destination hub (DHub) parcels are planned beyond what we previously established in Governors' Decision 23-2. Prices for Parcel Select Lightweight will decrease by 0.1 percent on average. Prices for USPS Connect Local, introduced in 2022, will remain unchanged for 2023. To accommodate mailers' concerns regarding programming changes, the Postal Service will maintain its ounce-based prices at 15.999 ounces, as well as including a one-pound price. No other structural changes are proposed.