

of an adjudicative body with appropriate authority. Funds released under this paragraph (f)(2) shall be paid in accordance with such order.

(3) Except where a legal proceeding is commenced, where, during any 6-month period starting one year after the disputed funds are placed on hold, the mechanical licensing collective does not receive a joint notice signed by all relevant parties that they are continuing to engage in active dispute resolution. Such notice must comply with any reasonable formatting and submission requirements established by the mechanical licensing collective and made publicly available on its website. Funds released under this paragraph (f)(3) shall be paid to the party who would have received such funds if the funds were not placed on hold pursuant to a dispute.

■ 6. Amend § 210.34 as follows:

■ a. Add paragraph (c)(6).

■ b. In paragraph (c)(5), remove “to paragraph (c)(4) of” and add in its place “to paragraph (c)(4) or (c)(6) of”.

The addition reads as follows:

§ 210.34 Treatment of confidential and other sensitive information.

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(c) * * *

(6)(i) Notwithstanding paragraph (c)(1) of this section, where the mechanical licensing collective has placed any accrued royalties, accrued interest, or other monies on hold with respect to particular reported usage or a particular work (or share thereof) (e.g., where there is an ownership dispute or a legal proceeding has been commenced), the mechanical licensing collective shall disclose the amount being held and reason for the hold to any individual or entity with a bona fide legal claim to such funds or a portion thereof.

(ii) Such disclosure shall be made to each such claimant no later than 10 business days after placing the amount on hold, where the mechanical licensing collective is aware of the claimant's claim at that time. Where the mechanical licensing collective is not aware of a claimant's claim when the amount is placed on hold, such disclosure shall be made to that claimant no later than 10 business days after becoming aware. For any amounts placed on hold before [EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL RULE], where the mechanical licensing collective is aware of a claimant's claim at that time, such disclosure shall be made to such claimant no later than [DATE 10 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL RULE]. Where the mechanical licensing collective is not

aware of a claimant's claim as of [EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL RULE], such disclosure shall be made to that claimant no later than 10 business days after becoming aware.

(iii) Disclosure of the amount being held with respect to particular reported usage or a particular work (or share thereof) shall be accompanied by a statement that complies with the requirements of § 210.29 as if such held amount were to instead be distributed pursuant to § 210.29. Disclosure of the reason for the hold shall be made with specificity. The mechanical licensing collective shall provide all claimants with monthly updates concerning the status of the hold and the amount being held. The mechanical licensing collective shall respond to any inquiry from a claimant about the hold within 10 business days and shall provide any reasonably requested additional information about the hold within a reasonable period of time commensurate with the request.

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Dated: September 21, 2023.

Suzanne V. Wilson,

General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket No. RM2023-11; Order No. 6692]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

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

DATES: *Comments are due:* October 20, 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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On September 15, 2023, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports.¹ The Petition identifies the proposed analytical changes filed in this docket as Proposal Six.

II. Proposal Six

Background. Proposal Six relates to modifications to the mail processing and destination entry cost models for letter-shaped USPS Marketing Mail pieces to account for recent price structure changes. Petition, Proposal Six at 1. The cost models were last presented in Docket No. ACR2022, Library References USPS-FY22-10 and USPS-FY22-13, respectively. *Id.* If approved, the Postal Service intends to incorporate the requested modifications in the preparation of its the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Annual Compliance Review (ACR) and apply new cost avoidance figures in its “July 2024 Market Dominant price change.” *Id.*

As part of Docket No. R2023-2, the Commission approved two new workshare discounts for USPS Marketing Mail letter-shaped pieces prepared on sectional center facility (SCF) pallets: (1) USPS Marketing Mail Automation and Non-automation letters; and (2) USPS Marketing Mail Carrier Route, High Density, High Density Plus and Saturation letters. *Id.* at 1-2.

Proposal. Proposal Six presents four modifications to support the new discounts: (1) the addition of tray sorting cost data to Library Reference USPS-FY22-10, (2) the incorporation of a standalone tray sorting cost avoidance estimate into Library Reference USPS-FY22-10, (3) the reclassification of tray sorting cost pools in Library Reference USPS-FY22-10, and (4) the removal of tray sorting costs from Library Reference USPS-FY22-13. *Id.* at 2. The first three modifications are made to the mail processing cost model and the fourth modification is made to the destination entry cost model. *Id.* The Postal Service provided a modified mail processing cost model in the Excel file “USPS-

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Six), September 15, 2023 (Petition).

FY22–10.MM.PROP.Six” attached to the Petition. *Id.*

Rationale and impact. As it relates to the modification to tray sorting data, the Postal Service explains that the data cannot be estimated in the current version of the cost model; therefore, additional cost input data have been incorporated into the mail processing cost model to estimate these costs. *Id.* at 2–3.

As it relates to the modification to standalone cost avoidance estimates,² the Postal Service notes that cost model input data, including the new data described above, are used to estimate avoided tray sorting costs and that estimate is included in the mail processing cost model because SCF palletization is a form of presorting. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service explains that “[t]his methodology is used because detailed letter tray sorting data are not readily available in postal data collection systems,” preventing tray sorting costs from being incorporated into the mail flow models and cost worksheets for all the letter price categories. *Id.* at 3–4. The Postal Service also presents an alternative to the methodology described above, by providing an estimation of the per-piece costs incurred in one outgoing tray sorting operation. *Id.* at 4.

As it relates to the modification for tray sorting cost pools, the Postal Service seeks to reclassify the “MODS 1TRAYSRT” cost pool and the “NDC TRAYSORT” cost pool as “worksharing-related fixed.” *Id.* at 4–5. Although the Commission previously classified these cost pools as “proportional,” the Postal Service explains that the cost pools should be “worksharing-related fixed” because SCF palletization results in some tray sorting costs being avoided³ and the modification would prevent tray sorting costs from effecting both the containerization and presort costs estimates.³

Finally, as it relates to the modification to destination entry cost model tray costs, the Postal Service explains that, because a standalone tray sorting cost avoidance estimate will now be included in the letters mail processing cost model, letter tray sorting costs should be removed from the USPS Marketing Mail destination entry cost

model. Petition, Proposal Six at 6. The Postal Service notes that it would prevent tray sorting costs from affecting both the presort and destination entry cost avoidance estimates. *Id.*

The impacts of these modifications are presented in Tables 1 through 3 of Proposal Six as well as Excel file “IMPACT.PROP.SIX.xlsx.” *See id.* at 6–9.

III. Notice and Comment

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2023–11 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. More information on the Petition may be accessed via the Commission’s website at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and Proposal Six no later than October 20, 2023. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin is designated as an 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. RM2023–11 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 Six), filed September 15, 2023.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than October 20, 2023.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin 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.

Erica A. Barker,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Parts 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, and 310

RIN 0970–AC96

Parentage Establishment in the Child Support Services Program

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Services (OCSS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or the Department).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) proposes to replace the gender-specific term “paternity” with the gender-neutral term “parentage” throughout the Child Support Services Program to be inclusive of all family structures served by the child support services program. While title IV–D (Child Support and Establishment of Paternity) requires States and Tribes to have laws permitting the establishment of paternity and requiring genetic testing in contested paternity cases, OCSS also recognizes that title IV–D does not preclude States and Tribes from having parentage establishment laws and procedures for all families. The proposed changes to chapter III of the child support regulations recognize developments in State laws regarding parentage establishment and provide States and Tribes optional flexibility to establish parentage for all children in accordance with their laws, regardless of the gender of their parents or family structure.

DATES: Consideration will be given to written comments on this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) received on or before November 27, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by [docket number (ACF–2023–0006) and/or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 0970–AC96], by one of the following methods:

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Written comments may be submitted to: Office of Child Support Services, *Attention:* Director of Policy and Training, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or RIN for this rulemaking. All substantive comments received will be posted without change

²The Postal Service explains that the term “standalone” means the cost avoidance estimate is not used to develop Cost and Revenue Analysis (CRA) adjustment factors and does not affect the magnitude of the CRA proportional adjustment factor and that factor is not applied to the cost avoidance estimate. *Id.* at 3.

³*Id.*; see Docket No. R2006–1, Opinion and Recommended Decision Volume 1, March 14, 2007, at ¶¶ 5159–5161.