

to United States products and suppliers of such products. In accordance with Section 301(b)(3) of the Trade Agreements Act, Oman is so designated for purposes of Section 301(a) of the Trade Agreements Act.

2. With respect to eligible products of Oman (*i.e.*, goods and services covered by the Schedules of the United States in Annex 9 of the Oman FTA) and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, regulation, procedure, or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than accorded—

(A) To United States products and suppliers of such products; or

(B) To eligible products of another foreign country or instrumentality which is a party to the Agreement on Government Procurement referred to in section 101(d)(17) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(17)) and suppliers of such products, shall be waived.

With respect to Oman, this waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in the Schedules of the United States in Section A and in List A of Section B of Annex 9 of the Oman FTA.

3. The designation in paragraph 1 and the waiver in paragraph 2 are subject to modification or withdrawal by the United States Trade Representative.

Dated: December 30, 2008.

Susan C. Schwab,

United States Trade Representative.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-19; Order No. 160]

International Mail Contracts

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces a recently-filed Postal Service notice of a new global expedited package services contract. It addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

DATES: Comments due January 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and stephen.sharfman@prc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 23, 2008, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 1 (GEPS 1) contract.¹ GEPS 1 provides volume-based incentives for mailers that send large volumes of Express Mail International (EMI) and/or Priority Mail International (PMI). The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS agreements, and supported by the Governors' Decision filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.² Notice at 1-2. It further notes that in Order No. 86 which established GEPS 1 as a product, the Commission held that additional contracts may be included as part of the GEPS 1 product if they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and if they are functionally equivalent to the initial GEPS 1 contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.³ Notice at 1.

The instant contract. The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. It submitted the contract and supporting material under seal, and attached a redacted copy of the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) to the Notice. *Id.* at 1-2.

The Notice addresses reasons why the instant GEPS 1 contract fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS 1, explains expiration terms, and discusses the Postal Service's interest in confidential treatment for the contract and related material.⁴ *Id.* at 2-3. It also provides the Postal Service's rationale for concluding that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the initial contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5. The Postal Service requests that this contract be included within the GEPS product. *Id.* at 3-5.

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-19 for consideration of

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, December 23, 2008 (Notice).

² See Docket No. CP2008-5, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Establishment of Prices and Classifications for Global Expedited Package Services Contracts (Governors' Decision No. 08-7), May 6, 2008, and United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Redacted Copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7, July 23, 2008.

³ See PRC Order No. 86, Order Concerning Global Expedited Package Services Contracts, June 27, 2008, at 7 (Order No. 86).

⁴ Contract expiration is set to expire one year after the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulating approvals have been obtained. *Id.* at 2.

matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3622, or 3642. Comments are due no later than January 5, 2009. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in the captioned filings.

It is Ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-19 for consideration of the matters raised in this docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than January 5, 2009.

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

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams,

Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-18; Order No. 159]

International Mail Contracts

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces a recently-filed Postal Service notice of an additional Global Direct Contracts agreement. It addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

DATES: Comments are due January 5, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and stephen.sharfman@prc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 23, 2008, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global

Direct Contracts agreement.¹ Global Direct Contracts provide a rate for mail acceptance within the United States and transportation to a receiving country, with the addition by the customer of appropriate foreign indicia, and payment by the Postal Service of the appropriate settlement charges to the receiving country. The Postal Service believes the instant agreement is functionally equivalent to previously submitted Global Direct Contracts agreements, and supported by the Governors' Decision filed in Docket No. MC2008–7.² The Postal Service contends that the instant agreement should be included within the Global Direct Contracts product.

The instant contract. The Postal Service filed the instant agreement pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the agreement is in accordance with PRC Order No. 153. It submitted the contract and supporting material under seal, and attached a redacted copy of the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) to the Notice.

The Notice identifies the instant agreement as fitting within the Mail Classification Schedule language for Global Direct Contracts, and indicates that this agreement is set to expire no later than January 31, 2010.³ The Notice discusses the Postal Service's interest in the confidential treatment of the contract and related material. *Id.* at 2–3. The Notice also provides the Postal Service's rationale for concluding that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the initial contracts filed in Docket Nos. CP2009–10 and CP2009–11. *Id.* at 2–6.

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009–18 for consideration of matters related to the agreement identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Functionally Equivalent Global Direct Contracts Negotiated Service Agreement, December 23, 2008 (Notice).

² Notice at 1–2. See Docket No. MC2008–7, Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Global Plus 2 Negotiated Service Agreements to the Competitive Product List, and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) the Enabling Governors' Decision and Two Functionally Equivalent Agreements, Attachment A, August 8, 2008, for a redacted version of Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Establishment of Prices and Classifications for Global Direct, Global Bulk Economy, and Global Plus Contracts (Governors' Decision No. 08–10), July 16, 2008. The Postal Service also filed under seal an unredacted version of the Governors' Decision in that docket.

³ The Postal Service also states that this agreement has the same duration, basically a one-year period, as the previously approved Global Direct Contracts agreements. Notice at 5.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's agreement is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than January 5, 2009. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Michael J. Ravnitzky to serve as Public Representative in the captioned filings.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is Ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009–18 for consideration of the matters raised in this docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Michael J. Ravnitzky is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than January 5, 2009.

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

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–59166; File No. SR–Phlx–2008–82]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc. Relating to Rule 1028 (Confirmations)

December 29, 2008.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2008, NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc. (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have substantially been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and

Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Phlx Rule 1028, Confirmations, to eliminate the requirement that members indicate in written confirmations to options customers the specific exchange on which transactions were done.⁵ The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, on the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/micro.aspx?id=PHLXRulefilings>, and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

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

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend Phlx Rule 1028 to eliminate the requirement that the market on which an options transaction is executed be disclosed on a written confirmation furnished to a customer of a member organization. Pursuant to Phlx Rule 1028, the member organization will continue to be required to furnish a written confirmation that contains a description of each transaction in the option contracts which shall show: the type of option; the underlying security (e.g.,

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

⁵ The proposed filing is being done pursuant to an industry-wide initiative under the auspices of the Options Self-Regulatory Council (“OSRC”), which is a committee comprised of representatives from each of the options exchanges functioning pursuant to the OSRC Plan (the “Plan”). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 20158 (Sept. 8, 1983), 48 FR 41256 (Sept. 14, 1983). The Plan is not a National Market System (“NMS”) plan under Section 11A of the Act, but rather is a plan to allocate regulatory responsibilities under Rule 17d–2 under the Act. 17 CFR 240.17d–2.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).