

and 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. Comments on these topics will, *inter alia*, assist the Commission in developing appropriate recommendations to the Postal Service related to the protection or promotion of the public policy objectives of title 39.

Access to filing. The Commission has posted the publicly available portions of the FY 2013 ACR on its Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>.

Comment deadlines. Comments by interested persons are due on or before January 31, 2014. Reply comments are due on or before February 14, 2014. The Commission, upon completion of its review of the FY 2013 ACR, public comments, and other data and information submitted in this proceeding, will issue its ACD. Those needing assistance filing electronically may contact the Docket Section supervisor at 202-789-6846 or via email at prc-dockets@prc.gov. Inquiries about access to non-public materials should also be directed to the Docket Section.

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 their designated capacity.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. ACR2013 to consider matters raised by the United States Postal Service's FY 2013 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 2013 Annual Compliance Report to the Commission, including the Comprehensive Statement of Postal Operations and other reports, are due on or before January 31, 2014.

4. Reply comments are due on or before February 14, 2014.

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

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,

Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2014-22; Order No. 1937]

Change in Postal Prices

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning changes in prices for Global Expedited Package Service—Non-Published Rates. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* January 7, 2014.

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:

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

In accordance with 39 CFR 3015.5 and Order Nos. 1625¹ and 1835,² the Postal Service filed a notice of a change in rates not of general applicability for the Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 4 (GEPS—NPR 4) product.³ The Postal Service states that the change is necessary due to changes in the non-discounted published postage for Priority Mail Express International (PMEI), Priority Mail International (PMI), and Global Express Guaranteed

(GXG), as well as the creation of a Management Analysis of the Prices and Methodology for Determining Prices for Negotiated Service Agreements under Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 4 Version 2. Notice at 2-3. The Notice has been assigned Docket No. CP2014-22.

Notice. In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed the following attachments:

- Attachment 1—an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal;
- Attachment 2A—a redacted version of Governors' Decision No. 11-6;
- Attachment 2B—a redacted version of GEPS—NPR 4 Management Analysis Version 2;
- Attachment 2C—a list of Maximum and Minimum Prices for PMEI, PMI, and GXG under GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 Contracts;
- Attachment 2D—a certified statement concerning prices for applicable negotiated service agreements under GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 rates, as required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
- Attachment 3—a redacted version of the GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 model contract.

The Postal Service included a redacted version of the GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 model contract with the Notice. *Id.* Attachment 3. The Postal Service represents that the GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 model contract is almost identical to the revised GEPS—NPR 4 model contract approved by the Commission in Order No. 1835. Notice at 7. The Postal Service identifies three areas where the GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 model contract differs from the revised GEPS—NPR 4 model contract: (1) The ACR docket numbers in Article 19 have been updated; (2) the docket number in the last sentence of Article 19 has been revised to reflect that GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 contracts will be filed in this docket, rather than the GEPS—NPR 4 docket; and (3) in the footer of each page of the agreement, "2013" has been replaced with "2014", and in the footer of the annexes to the agreement, "13" has been replaced with "14." *Id.*

Identical to the revised GEPS—NPR 4 model contract, the Postal Service will notify each GEPS—NPR 4 Version 2 customer of the contract's effective date no later than 30 days after receiving the signed agreement from the customer. *Id.*, Attachment 3 at 7. Each contract will expire the later of 1 year from the effective date or the last day of the month which falls one calendar year from the effective date unless terminated sooner. *Id.*

¹ Docket Nos. MC2013-27 and CP2013-35, Order Adding Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 4 (GEPS—NPR 4) to the Competitive Product List, January 16, 2013 (Order No. 1625).

² Docket Nos. MC2013-27 and CP2013-35, Order Approving Revisions to Model Contract, September 16, 2013 (Order No. 1835).

³ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Change in Prices For Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 4 (GEPS—NPR 4), December 26, 2013 (Notice).

The Postal Service filed many of the supporting materials, including the related model contract, under seal. *Id.* Attachment 1. It maintains that the redacted portions of the materials should remain confidential as sensitive business information. *Id.* at 4. This information includes sensitive commercial information concerning the incentive discounts and their formulation, applicable cost coverage, and non-published rates, as well as some customer-identifying information. *Id.*

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2014–22 to consider the changes in rates not of general applicability pertaining to the proposed GEPS–NPR 4 Version 2 contract.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR 3015.5, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than January 7, 2014. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

III. Request for Supplemental Information

The Postal Service is requested to (1) specify the date on which the GEPS–NPR 4 Version 2 rates are expected to go into effect; and (2) clarify whether the GEPS–NPR 4 Version 2 contract will replace the revised GEPS–NPR 4 contract approved in Order No. 1835. The Postal Service response is due no later than January 3, 2014.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2014–22 to consider the matters raised by the Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Lyudmila Y. Bzhilyanskaya 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 7, 2014.

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

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,

Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. N2014–1; Order No. 1932]

Nationwide Change in Postal Delivery Service Standards

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request for an advisory opinion on an initiative involving examination of the continuation of service at postal retail locations. This document invites public comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

DATES:

1. *Notices of intervention are due:* January 21, 2014, 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

2. *Hearing on the Postal Service's direct case:* February 11, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. (Commission hearing room, 901 New York Ave. NW., 20268–0001, Suite 200).

ADDRESSES: Submit notices of intervention electronically by accessing the “Filing Online” link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx>. Persons interested in intervening who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820 (case-related information) or DocketAdmins@prc.gov (electronic filing assistance).

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I. Introduction

On December 27, 2013, the Postal Service filed a request pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3661 for an advisory opinion from the Commission regarding potential changes in the manner in which it processes and dispatches Standard Mail that qualifies for a

Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF) discounted rate.¹ This operational change may result in a nationwide change in the nature of postal services since it would change the delivery day service standards for DSCF Standard Mail accepted on Fridays and Saturdays. DSCF Standard Mail entered Sunday through Thursday is not expected to change under the proposal. *Id.* at 5.

II. Request

The Postal Service explains that due to the relationship between mail entry patterns for DSCF Standard Mail and the applicable 3-day service standard, the Postal Service currently delivers a disproportionate amount of DSCF Standard Mail on Mondays. *Id.* at 1. The Postal Service's plan, called the “Load Leveling Plan,” is to more evenly distribute the volume of DSCF Standard Mail pieces delivered by carriers throughout the week. *Id.* at 1–2. The Load Leveling Plan would adjust operations in a manner that will level the load of the DSCF Standard Mail delivered throughout the week and remove the disproportionate burden associated with Monday Standard Mail delivery. *Id.* at 2.

In support of its Request, the Postal Service filed the direct testimony of two witnesses.² The testimonies describe the details of the Load Leveling Plan, including the basis for the plan, the process through which the plan was developed, and the future implementation of the plan. The testimony of witness Malone (USPS–T–1) describes the Postal Service's consultations with mailers regarding the load leveling issue and its collaboration with mailers in designing and conducting a test of the Load Leveling Plan in the service area of the South Jersey administrative district. Malone's testimony also summarizes the results of the South Jersey Operations Test and the Postal Service's expectations regarding a national roll-out of the Load Leveling Plan. The testimony of witness Anderson (USPS–T–2) offers observations about the effects of the South Jersey Operations Test and also discusses the expected impact that the Load Leveling Plan would have in the South Jersey District.

As part of its request, the Postal Service filed a notice of two Category 2

¹ United States Postal Service Request for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, December 27, 2013 (Request).

² Direct Testimony of Linda M. Malone on Behalf of the United States Postal Service (USPS–T–1), December 27, 2013; and Direct Testimony of Mark H. Anderson on Behalf of the United States Postal Service (USPS–T–2), December 27, 2013.