

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Senior Executive Service-Performance Review Board

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the OPM Performance Review Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carmen Garcia, Employee Services—OPM Human Resources, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606–4999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c) (1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The board reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, and considers recommendations to the appointing authority regarding the performance of the senior executive.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Katherine Archuleta,
Director.

The following have been designated as members of the Performance Review Board of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management:

Ann Marie Habershaw, Chief of Staff
Angela Bailey, Chief Operating Officer
Dennis Coleman, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Foley, Director—Office of
Planning and Policy Analysis
Joseph Kennedy, Associate Director for
Human Resources Solutions
Mark Reinhold, Associate Director for
Employee Services and Chief Human
Capital Officer
Kamala Vasagam, General Counsel
Veronica Villalobos, Director—Office of
Diversity and Inclusion
Andrea Bright, Deputy Associate
Director for Human Resources—
Executive Secretariat

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2015–8; Order No. 2254]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning

removal of Return Receipt for Merchandise service from the Mail Classification Schedule. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* December 3, 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: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On November 17, 2014, the Postal Service filed a formal request to remove Return Receipt for Merchandise service from the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS).¹

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed a copy of the Governors' Decision authorizing the request, a Statement of Supporting Justification required by 39 CFR 3020.32, and proposed changes to the MCS.

The Postal Service seeks to remove Return Receipt for Merchandise service from both the Market Dominant and Competitive parts of the MCS. Request at 1; Attachment C. The Postal Service notes that the service does not provide purchasers with the ability to track packages online and is therefore outdated given the availability of alternative Ancillary Services that provide overlapping or improved features compared to those offered by Return Receipt for Merchandise. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service states that the volumes and revenues for the service have declined over the past few years and that removal would allow the Postal Service to simplify the entire Ancillary Services product. *Id.* 2–3. The Postal Service also asserts that removal of the service will improve customer satisfaction by requiring customers to adopt alternative services that provide online tracking and other improved features. *Id.* at 3.

¹ Request of the United States Postal Service to Remove Return Receipt for Merchandise Service from the Mail Classification Schedule, November 17, 2014 (Request).

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2015–8 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed removal of Return Receipt for Merchandise service from the MCS.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned docket are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B and subpart E. Comments are due no later than December 3, 2014. The public portions of the filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Anne C. O'Connor to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2015–8 to consider the Postal Service's Request.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Anne C. O'Connor is appointed to serve as an 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 December 3, 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 SERVICE

Removal of Return Receipt for Merchandise Service From the Market- Dominant Product List

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service hereby provides notice that it has filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to remove Return Receipt for Merchandise service from the Mail Classification Schedule's market-dominant product list.

DATES: *Effective date:* November 25, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Rosato, 202–268–8597, or john.f.rosato@usps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 17, 2014, the United States Postal Service® (Postal Service) filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to remove Return Receipt for Merchandise service from the Mail Classification Schedule's market-dominant product list, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642. Approval of this request would simplify the Postal Service's Ancillary Services product by recognizing that: (1) Return Receipt for Merchandise service has become outmoded; and (2) equivalent or improved product features can be obtained by transitioning to Signature Confirmation™ service or Certified Mail® service (return receipt requested). Interested persons may comment on, or view documents pertinent to, this request at <http://www.prc.gov>, Docket No. MC2015–8.

Stanley F. Mires,

Attorney, Federal Requirements.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Transfer of First-Class Mail® Parcels to the Competitive Product List

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service hereby provides notice that it has filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to transfer First-Class Mail Parcels from the Mail Classification Schedule's Market-Dominant Product List to its Competitive Product List.

DATES: *Effective date:* November 25, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Rosato, 202–268–8597, or john.f.rosato@usps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 14, 2014 the United States Postal Service® filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to transfer First-Class Mail Parcels from the Mail Classification Schedule's market-dominant product list to its competitive product list, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642. The transfer would: (1) Remove First-Class Mail Parcels from the Market-Dominant Product List; and (2) replace it with a new “retail” subcategory within the competitive product list's First-Class Package Service product. The new retail subcategory would provide the same service standards and pricing structure as the current First-Class Mail Parcels product. Documents pertinent to this

request are available at <http://www.prc.gov>, Docket No. MC2015–7.

Stanley F. Mires,

Attorney, Federal Requirements.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–73641; File No. 4–678]

Program for Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Pursuant to Rule 17d–2; Order Approving and Declaring Effective a Proposed Plan for the Allocation of Regulatory Responsibilities Between the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and the Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC

November 19, 2014.

On October 14, 2014, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“MIAX”) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) (together with MIAX, the “Parties”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) a plan for the allocation of regulatory responsibilities, dated October 13, 2014 (“17d–2 Plan” or the “Plan”). The Plan was published for comment on October 23, 2014.¹ The Commission received no comments on the Plan. This order approves and declares effective the Plan.

I. Introduction

Section 19(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),² among other things, requires every self-regulatory organization (“SRO”) registered as either a national securities exchange or national securities association to examine for, and enforce compliance by, its members and persons associated with its members with the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the SRO's own rules, unless the SRO is relieved of this responsibility pursuant to Section 17(d) or Section 19(g)(2) of the Act.³ Without this relief, the statutory obligation of each individual SRO could result in a pattern of multiple examinations of broker-dealers that maintain memberships in more than one SRO (“common members”). Such regulatory duplication would add unnecessary

expenses for common members and their SROs.

Section 17(d)(1) of the Act⁴ was intended, in part, to eliminate unnecessary multiple examinations and regulatory duplication.⁵ With respect to a common member, Section 17(d)(1) authorizes the Commission, by rule or order, to relieve an SRO of the responsibility to receive regulatory reports, to examine for and enforce compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and regulations, or to perform other specified regulatory functions.

To implement Section 17(d)(1), the Commission adopted two rules: Rule 17d–1 and Rule 17d–2 under the Act.⁶ Rule 17d–1 authorizes the Commission to name a single SRO as the designated examining authority (“DEA”) to examine common members for compliance with the financial responsibility requirements imposed by the Act, or by Commission or SRO rules.⁷ When an SRO has been named as a common member's DEA, all other SROs to which the common member belongs are relieved of the responsibility to examine the firm for compliance with the applicable financial responsibility rules. On its face, Rule 17d–1 deals only with an SRO's obligations to enforce member compliance with financial responsibility requirements. Rule 17d–1 does not relieve an SRO from its obligation to examine a common member for compliance with its own rules and provisions of the federal securities laws governing matters other than financial responsibility, including sales practices and trading activities and practices.

To address regulatory duplication in these and other areas, the Commission adopted Rule 17d–2 under the Act.⁸ Rule 17d–2 permits SROs to propose joint plans for the allocation of regulatory responsibilities with respect to their common members. Under paragraph (c) of Rule 17d–2, the Commission may declare such a plan effective if, after providing for appropriate notice and comment, it determines that the plan is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors; to foster cooperation and coordination among the SROs; to remove impediments to, and

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d)(1).

⁵ See Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Report of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to Accompany S. 249, S. Rep. No. 94–75, 94th Cong., 1st Session 32 (1975).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.17d–1 and 17 CFR 240.17d–2, respectively.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12352 (April 20, 1976), 41 FR 18808 (May 7, 1976).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 12935 (October 28, 1976), 41 FR 49091 (November 8, 1976).

¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73383 (October 17, 2014), 79 FR 63448.

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(1).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78q(d) and 15 U.S.C. 78s(g)(2), respectively.