

## Press Release

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### Docket Opened for Postal Service's Competitive Rate Filing

**Washington, DC** – The Postal Regulatory Commission today established Docket CP2009-8 to receive comments on price changes for competitive postal products filed by the U.S. Postal Service. The changes are scheduled to take place on January 18, 2009. This filing represents the second formal notice using the framework the Commission implemented in 2007 for changes in the prices of the competitive product lines.

"Under procedures adopted last year by the Commission, interested parties will have an opportunity to review the Postal Service's filing," said Chairman Dan G. Blair. "To ensure the proposed adjustments comport with the law, our rules balance the need for the Postal Service to adopt market pricing, while assuring costs are covered and the competitive products category, as a whole, contribute a fair share toward the overhead costs of the Postal Service. "

Interested persons will have until December 1, 2008, to file comments with the Commission, after which the Commission will determine whether the proposed price changes comply with the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. Commission Chairman Blair appointed Emmett Rand Costich, an attorney with more than 20 years experience as a public representative, to represent the public in the proceeding.

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