

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Market Dominant Product Prices
Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements
with Foreign Postal Operators 1

Docket No. R2016-1

Korea Post – United States Postal Service
Multi-Product Bilateral Agreement (MC2010-35)
Negotiated Service Agreement

ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATION TO EXISTING AGREEMENT

(Issued November 16, 2016)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Agreement) is set to expire December 31, 2016.¹ The Postal Service seeks to extend the Agreement pursuant to a Modification executed by the Postal Service and Korea Post.²

¹ See Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, November 13, 2015, Attachment 2, Article 22, at 6.

² See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification to an Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, November 15, 2016 (Notice). The modification is attached to the Notice as Attachment 1 (Modification).

The Modification extends the expiration date of the Agreement until March 31, 2017. Notice at 1.

The Postal Service states that due to a variety of factors including the complexity of the negotiations, it has not yet entered into a successor Agreement with Korea Post. The 3 month extension will allow for completion of negotiations and corresponds with the parties' practice of quarterly invoicing. *Id.*

The Commission finds that the extension will not affect the Agreement's ability to comply with 39 U.S.C. § 3622(c)(10) and 39 C.F.R. § 3010.40, *et seq.* Consequently, the Commission reaffirms its findings in Order No. 2843³ and approves the Modification. The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through March 31, 2017. Extending the Agreement is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

The Agreement, as modified, is authorized to continue through March 31, 2017.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary

³ Order Approving Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 Negotiated Service Agreement (with Korea Post), November 25, 2015, at 9 (Order No. 2843).