

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS PRICE CHANGES  
RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Docket No. CP2014-27

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
OF CHANGES IN RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY  
FOR A COMPETITIVE PRODUCT,  
ESTABLISHED IN GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 14-1  
(February 14, 2014)**

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3015.2, the United States Postal Service hereby gives notice of changes in rates of general applicability and of concomitant classification changes for a competitive product – specifically, Standard Post. In accordance with § 3015.2(b), this notice provides the Governors' Decision establishing the changes, including a statement of explanation and justification, which orders the changes into effect on March 20, 2014, and a certification of the Governors' vote.

Attached to this notice is a schedule showing new prices and related classification changes, incorporated into a revised draft of the competitive products section of the Mail Classification Schedule. Classification changes established by this Governors' Decision are shown in legislative format.

The price category established by these changes will only apply to a small, discrete number of designated ZIP Codes, with low volume as compared to overall Standard Post volume. The Postal Service estimates that these changes will increase total Standard Post volume by only 0.27 percent (69,225 pieces added to total Standard Mail volume of 25,168,420 pieces), at prices equal to those in effect last year.

Therefore, the Postal Service has determined that the Standard Post product as a whole will continue to cover its costs and make an appropriate contribution to institutional costs.

The Governors' Decision and record of proceedings will be sent for publication in the Federal Register in accordance with 39 U.S.C. § 3632(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECISION OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ON  
CHANGES IN RATE AND CLASS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY FOR  
STANDARD POST (GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 14-01)**

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February 14, 2014

**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION**

The Postal Service intends to introduce a new price category within Standard Post on the competitive product list for Limited Overland Routes, and clarify existing classification language for the Standard Post product. Pursuant to our authority under section 404(b) and Chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, the Governors establish these price and classification changes for the Standard Post product.

Management has determined that the recent Standard Post classification and price changes implemented on January 26, 2014, have had a disproportionate impact on certain intra-Alaska Standard Post users. Intra-Alaska shippers typically send heavier than average Standard Post pieces, within Zones 1-5, which were the price cells most affected by the January 2014 price change. Eligibility for Standard Post within Zones 1-4 was limited to hazardous materials, live animals, and other items requiring ground transportation. Thus, areas with limited overland routes were disproportionately affected by these changes.

Therefore, postal management has determined to introduce a new Limited Overland Routes price category under the Standard Post product. This price category will apply to pieces delivered to or from designated ZIP Codes within Alaska not connected by overland routes. Management also seeks to clarify the classification language applicable to Standard Post pieces in Zones 1-4 not permitted to travel by air transportation.

We have reviewed management's analysis of this proposal, which is attached. We have evaluated the new price and classification changes in this context in accordance with 39 U.S.C. §§ 3632-3633 and 39 C.F.R. §§ 3015.5 and 3015.7. We approve the changes, finding that they are appropriate, and are consistent with the provisions and policies of the statute, and regulatory criteria, as indicated by management. We believe that the

limited pricing category we are adopting is reasonably justified by the circumstances described above.

#### ORDER

We direct management to file with the Postal Regulatory Commission appropriate notice of these classification and rate changes. The changes in price and class set forth herein shall be effective as soon as legally practicable. We further direct management to conduct a review of Standard Post prices, and the effects that these price and classification changes may have among all users of the Standard Post product.

By The Governors:



Mickey D. Barnett  
Chairman

**CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNORS' VOTE  
IN THE  
GOVERNORS' DECISION NO. 14-01**

Consistent with 39 USC 3632(a), I hereby certify that the following Governors voted via notational voting in favor of Governors' Decision No. 14-01:

Mickey D. Barnett  
James H. Bilbray  
Louis J. Giuliano  
Ellen C. Williams

  
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Julie S. Moore  
Secretary of the Board of Governors

Date: 2-14-14

## 2135

### Standard Post

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#### 2135.4

##### Price Categories

- Standard Post
  - Zones 1-8
  - Limited Overland Routes
  - Balloon Price
  - Oversized

#### 2135.5

##### Optional Features

The following additional postal services may be available in conjunction with the product specified in this section:

- Pickup On Demand Service
- Ancillary Services (1505)
  - Address Correction Service (1505.1)
  - Certificate of Mailing (1505.6)
  - Collect on Delivery (1505.7)
  - USPS Tracking (1505.8)
  - Insurance (1505.9)
  - Merchandise Return Service (1505.10)
  - Return Receipt (1505.13)
  - Return Receipt for Merchandise (1505.14)
  - Restricted Delivery (1505.15)
  - Signature Confirmation (1505.17)
  - Special Handling (1505.18)
- Competitive Ancillary Services (2645)
  - Package Intercept Service (2645.2)

*Standard Post<sup>1</sup>*

<b>Maximum Weight (pounds)</b>	<b>Zones 1 &amp; 2 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 3 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 4 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 5 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 6 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 7 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 8 (\$)</b>
1	5.60	5.70	5.85	5.87	6.16	6.45	6.73
2	5.80	6.15	6.85	6.99	7.87	8.76	9.64
3	6.50	7.50	8.60	8.62	10.01	11.39	12.78
4	7.35	8.75	9.90	9.92	11.07	12.23	13.38
5	8.70	10.05	11.35	11.37	12.36	13.34	14.33
6	9.60	11.10	12.70	12.72	13.84	14.96	16.08
7	10.20	12.00	13.70	13.72	15.07	16.41	17.76
8	10.95	13.10	15.30	15.32	17.02	18.72	20.43
9	11.65	14.15	16.60	16.62	18.67	20.71	22.76
10	12.45	15.15	18.05	18.07	20.30	22.53	24.77
11	13.30	16.20	19.50	19.52	22.08	24.64	27.20
12	14.25	17.40	20.90	20.92	23.71	26.49	29.28
13	15.10	18.45	22.05	22.07	24.82	27.57	30.32
14	16.00	19.60	23.40	23.42	26.20	28.98	31.77
15	16.70	20.70	24.65	24.67	27.29	29.92	32.54
16	17.20	21.80	26.05	26.07	28.85	31.62	34.40
17	17.95	22.95	27.55	27.57	30.09	32.61	35.13
18	18.30	23.80	28.90	28.92	31.56	34.20	36.83
19	18.80	24.30	29.45	29.47	32.15	34.84	37.52
20	19.60	24.60	30.00	30.02	32.75	35.48	38.21
21	20.25	24.95	30.45	30.47	33.24	36.00	38.77
22	20.75	25.55	31.00	31.02	33.83	36.64	39.45
23	21.20	26.00	31.85	31.87	34.75	37.64	40.52
24	21.70	26.55	32.85	32.87	35.83	38.80	41.76
25	22.20	27.00	33.80	33.82	36.87	39.91	42.96

Standard Post (Continued)

<b>Maximum Weight (pounds)</b>	<b>Zones 1 &amp; 2 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 3 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 4 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 5 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 6 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 7 (\$)</b>	<b>Zone 8 (\$)</b>
26	22.60	27.25	34.95	34.97	38.11	41.26	44.40
27	23.25	27.65	36.00	36.02	39.25	42.49	45.72
28	24.00	28.05	37.05	37.07	40.40	43.72	47.05
29	24.70	28.30	38.00	38.02	41.42	44.82	48.22
30	25.45	28.70	38.90	38.92	42.40	45.87	49.35
31	26.20	29.00	39.50	39.52	43.04	46.57	50.09
32	26.50	29.60	40.20	40.22	44.16	48.11	52.05
33	26.90	30.45	41.20	41.22	45.61	50.01	54.40
34	27.15	31.25	42.20	42.22	47.08	51.94	56.80
35	27.45	32.00	42.80	42.82	48.11	53.40	58.70
36	27.75	32.90	43.35	43.37	49.09	54.81	60.52
37	28.05	33.50	44.00	44.02	50.18	56.34	62.50
38	28.30	34.35	44.55	44.57	51.18	57.79	64.41
39	28.60	35.10	45.10	45.12	52.18	59.23	66.29
40	28.95	35.85	45.70	45.72	53.23	60.75	68.26
41	29.25	36.55	46.20	46.22	54.19	62.15	70.12
42	29.45	37.20	46.75	46.77	55.19	63.62	72.04
43	29.80	37.80	47.15	47.17	56.03	64.89	73.75
44	30.00	38.40	47.75	47.77	57.12	66.47	75.83
45	30.20	38.85	48.10	48.12	57.91	67.70	77.48
46	30.45	39.15	48.60	48.62	58.87	69.13	79.38
47	30.70	39.45	49.05	49.07	59.79	70.50	81.22
48	30.95	39.80	49.50	49.52	60.70	71.88	83.06
49	31.15	40.10	49.90	49.92	61.25	72.59	83.92
50	31.30	40.35	50.25	50.27	61.75	73.23	84.70

Standard Post (Continued)

Maximum Weight (pounds)	Zones 1 & 2 (\$)	Zone 3 (\$)	Zone 4 (\$)	Zone 5 (\$)	Zone 6 (\$)	Zone 7 (\$)	Zone 8 (\$)
51	31.45	40.70	50.70	50.72	62.36	74.00	85.65
52	31.85	40.95	51.05	51.07	62.83	74.58	86.34
53	32.35	41.25	51.40	51.42	63.30	75.18	87.05
54	32.80	41.45	51.75	51.77	63.78	75.80	87.81
55	33.35	41.75	52.00	52.02	64.12	76.22	88.31
56	33.80	41.95	52.30	52.32	64.54	76.75	88.97
57	34.30	42.10	52.65	52.67	65.02	77.37	89.72
58	34.85	42.30	52.95	52.97	65.40	77.83	90.26
59	35.40	42.50	53.20	53.22	65.75	78.29	90.82
60	35.85	42.70	53.75	53.77	66.49	79.21	91.92
61	36.40	42.90	54.70	54.72	67.68	80.65	93.61
62	36.80	43.00	55.40	55.42	68.58	81.73	94.89
63	37.50	43.20	56.30	56.32	69.73	83.14	96.55
64	37.85	43.30	57.10	57.12	70.76	84.39	98.03
65	38.35	43.40	57.90	57.92	71.78	85.65	99.51
66	38.85	43.60	58.80	58.82	72.91	86.99	101.08
67	39.45	43.70	59.80	59.82	74.18	88.54	102.89
68	39.95	43.80	60.60	60.62	75.20	89.78	104.36
69	40.50	43.85	61.30	61.32	75.83	90.34	104.84
70	40.90	43.95	62.30	62.32	76.82	91.33	105.83
Oversized	63.04	67.99	72.94	77.90	96.03	114.16	132.29

**Notes**

1. Except for oversized pieces, ~~The Zone 1-4 prices for parcels weighing up to 70 pounds~~ are applicable only to parcels containing hazardous or other material not permitted to travel by air transportation.

Limited Overland Routes

Pieces delivered to or from designated intra-Alaska ZIP Codes not connected by overland routes are eligible for the following prices.

<u>Maximum Weight (pounds)</u>	<u>Zones 1 &amp; 2 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 3 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 4 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 5 (\$)</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>5.60</u>	<u>5.70</u>	<u>5.85</u>	<u>5.95</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>5.80</u>	<u>6.15</u>	<u>6.85</u>	<u>7.53</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>6.60</u>	<u>7.60</u>	<u>8.75</u>	<u>8.91</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>7.45</u>	<u>8.90</u>	<u>10.05</u>	<u>10.40</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>8.85</u>	<u>10.20</u>	<u>11.50</u>	<u>11.64</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>9.75</u>	<u>11.25</u>	<u>12.90</u>	<u>13.12</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>10.35</u>	<u>12.20</u>	<u>13.90</u>	<u>14.39</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>11.10</u>	<u>13.30</u>	<u>15.55</u>	<u>15.66</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>11.85</u>	<u>14.35</u>	<u>16.85</u>	<u>16.97</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>12.65</u>	<u>15.40</u>	<u>18.35</u>	<u>18.45</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>13.50</u>	<u>16.45</u>	<u>19.80</u>	<u>19.94</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>14.45</u>	<u>17.65</u>	<u>21.20</u>	<u>21.31</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>15.35</u>	<u>18.75</u>	<u>22.40</u>	<u>22.49</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>16.25</u>	<u>19.90</u>	<u>23.75</u>	<u>23.91</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16.95</u>	<u>21.00</u>	<u>25.05</u>	<u>25.29</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17.01</u>	<u>21.60</u>	<u>25.79</u>	<u>26.68</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>17.11</u>	<u>21.70</u>	<u>25.89</u>	<u>26.80</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>17.20</u>	<u>21.80</u>	<u>25.99</u>	<u>26.92</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>17.30</u>	<u>21.91</u>	<u>26.08</u>	<u>27.04</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>17.39</u>	<u>22.01</u>	<u>26.18</u>	<u>27.15</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>17.49</u>	<u>22.11</u>	<u>26.28</u>	<u>27.27</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>17.58</u>	<u>22.22</u>	<u>26.38</u>	<u>27.39</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>17.68</u>	<u>22.32</u>	<u>26.48</u>	<u>27.51</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>17.78</u>	<u>22.43</u>	<u>26.58</u>	<u>27.64</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>17.87</u>	<u>22.54</u>	<u>26.68</u>	<u>27.76</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>17.97</u>	<u>22.64</u>	<u>26.79</u>	<u>27.88</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>18.07</u>	<u>22.75</u>	<u>26.89</u>	<u>28.00</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>18.17</u>	<u>22.86</u>	<u>26.99</u>	<u>28.12</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>18.27</u>	<u>22.97</u>	<u>27.09</u>	<u>28.25</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>18.37</u>	<u>23.08</u>	<u>27.20</u>	<u>28.37</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>18.47</u>	<u>23.19</u>	<u>27.30</u>	<u>28.50</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>18.57</u>	<u>23.30</u>	<u>27.40</u>	<u>28.62</u>
<u>33</u>	<u>18.68</u>	<u>23.41</u>	<u>27.51</u>	<u>28.75</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>18.78</u>	<u>23.52</u>	<u>27.61</u>	<u>28.88</u>
<u>35</u>	<u>18.88</u>	<u>23.63</u>	<u>27.72</u>	<u>29.00</u>

*Limited Overland Routes (Continued)*

<u>Maximum Weight (pounds)</u>	<u>Zones 1 &amp; 2 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 3 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 4 (\$)</u>	<u>Zone 5 (\$)</u>
<u>36</u>	<u>18.99</u>	<u>23.74</u>	<u>27.82</u>	<u>29.13</u>
<u>37</u>	<u>19.09</u>	<u>23.86</u>	<u>27.93</u>	<u>29.26</u>
<u>38</u>	<u>19.20</u>	<u>23.97</u>	<u>28.03</u>	<u>29.39</u>
<u>39</u>	<u>19.30</u>	<u>24.08</u>	<u>28.14</u>	<u>29.52</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>19.41</u>	<u>24.20</u>	<u>28.25</u>	<u>29.65</u>
<u>41</u>	<u>19.51</u>	<u>24.31</u>	<u>28.35</u>	<u>29.78</u>
<u>42</u>	<u>19.62</u>	<u>24.43</u>	<u>28.46</u>	<u>29.91</u>
<u>43</u>	<u>19.73</u>	<u>24.54</u>	<u>28.57</u>	<u>30.04</u>
<u>44</u>	<u>19.84</u>	<u>24.66</u>	<u>28.68</u>	<u>30.17</u>
<u>45</u>	<u>19.95</u>	<u>24.78</u>	<u>28.79</u>	<u>30.30</u>
<u>46</u>	<u>20.06</u>	<u>24.90</u>	<u>28.90</u>	<u>30.44</u>
<u>47</u>	<u>20.17</u>	<u>25.01</u>	<u>29.01</u>	<u>30.57</u>
<u>48</u>	<u>20.28</u>	<u>25.13</u>	<u>29.12</u>	<u>30.71</u>
<u>49</u>	<u>20.39</u>	<u>25.25</u>	<u>29.23</u>	<u>31.18</u>
<u>50</u>	<u>20.50</u>	<u>25.37</u>	<u>29.34</u>	<u>31.65</u>
<u>51</u>	<u>20.61</u>	<u>25.49</u>	<u>29.45</u>	<u>32.12</u>
<u>52</u>	<u>20.73</u>	<u>25.61</u>	<u>29.56</u>	<u>32.62</u>
<u>53</u>	<u>20.84</u>	<u>25.74</u>	<u>29.67</u>	<u>33.10</u>
<u>54</u>	<u>20.96</u>	<u>25.86</u>	<u>29.79</u>	<u>33.58</u>
<u>55</u>	<u>21.07</u>	<u>25.98</u>	<u>29.90</u>	<u>34.08</u>
<u>56</u>	<u>21.19</u>	<u>26.10</u>	<u>30.01</u>	<u>34.56</u>
<u>57</u>	<u>21.30</u>	<u>26.23</u>	<u>30.13</u>	<u>35.04</u>
<u>58</u>	<u>21.42</u>	<u>26.35</u>	<u>30.24</u>	<u>35.55</u>
<u>59</u>	<u>21.54</u>	<u>26.48</u>	<u>30.36</u>	<u>36.03</u>
<u>60</u>	<u>21.66</u>	<u>26.60</u>	<u>30.47</u>	<u>36.51</u>
<u>61</u>	<u>21.78</u>	<u>26.73</u>	<u>30.59</u>	<u>37.00</u>
<u>62</u>	<u>21.90</u>	<u>26.86</u>	<u>30.70</u>	<u>37.50</u>
<u>63</u>	<u>22.02</u>	<u>26.98</u>	<u>30.93</u>	<u>37.99</u>
<u>64</u>	<u>22.14</u>	<u>27.11</u>	<u>31.30</u>	<u>38.46</u>
<u>65</u>	<u>22.26</u>	<u>27.24</u>	<u>31.64</u>	<u>38.95</u>
<u>66</u>	<u>22.48</u>	<u>27.37</u>	<u>32.02</u>	<u>39.47</u>
<u>67</u>	<u>22.71</u>	<u>27.50</u>	<u>32.36</u>	<u>39.95</u>
<u>68</u>	<u>22.93</u>	<u>27.63</u>	<u>32.74</u>	<u>40.44</u>
<u>69</u>	<u>23.34</u>	<u>27.76</u>	<u>33.51</u>	<u>41.36</u>
<u>70</u>	<u>24.04</u>	<u>27.89</u>	<u>34.28</u>	<u>42.29</u>
<u>Oversized</u>	<u>62.42</u>	<u>65.30</u>	<u>66.60</u>	<u>68.57</u>

### *Balloon Price*

Pieces exceeding 84 inches in length and girth combined (but not more than 108 inches) and weighing less than 20 pounds are subject to a price equal to that for a 20-pound parcel for the zone to which the parcel is addressed.

### *Oversized Pieces*

Regardless of weight, any piece that measures more than 108 inches (but not more than 130 inches) in length plus girth must pay the oversized price.

### *Pickup On Demand Service*

Add \$20.00 for each Pickup On Demand stop.

### *IMpb Noncompliance Fee*

Add \$0.20 for each IMpb-noncompliant parcel paying commercial prices.