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Competitive Product Prices
Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)

Docket No. CP2018-232

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued June 13, 2018)

On June 8, 2018, the Postal Service filed a notification of price changes for Inbound Parcel Post (at Universal Postal Union (UPU) rates).¹ The Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following question requesting clarification to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language for that product. Answers should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than June 18, 2018.

In January 2017, the Commission approved a change to section 2310.6 of the MCS regarding the prices for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates).² This change reflected the inclusion of UPU parcels in the e-commerce delivery category (ECOMPRO parcels) as part of the Inbound Parcel Post product. At that time, the UPU Postal Operations Council set the rates for ECOMPRO parcels. However, in accordance with amendments to the Universal Postal Convention that took effect in January 2018, the Postal Service now sets rates for inbound ECOMPRO parcels unilaterally and notifies the UPU of these rates.

Please review the revisions to section 2310.6 of the MCS below and confirm that the revisions accurately reflect the changes to the rate setting process within the UPU

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), and Application for Non-Public Treatment, June 8, 2018.

² Docket Nos. MC2017-58 and CP2017-86, Order Approving in Part Classification Changes for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), January 11, 2017 (Order No. 3748).

for ECOMPRO parcels. If not confirmed, please propose an alternative revision to section 2310.6 of the MCS and explain the reasons for the alternative revision. These revisions also update references to the Universal Postal Convention and its Regulations.

2310 Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

2310.6 Prices

Foreign postal operators pay the Postal Service inward land rates for the delivery of inbound parcelsmail. The Universal Postal Union (UPU) Postal Operations Council (POC) sets the amount paid for incoming air-parcel flows tendered by postal operators with which there is no contractual relationship governing the applicable price except when such rates are otherwise fixed by the Postal Service and the Postal Service notifies the UPU of these rates in accordance with the relevant provisions for parcel post rates in the Universal Postal Convention and associated Regulations ~~POC upon notification by the Postal Service.~~ Payment by the foreign postal operators is made in accordance with Universal Postal Convention Part III, ~~Chapter 2~~ and associated ~~UPU Parcel Post Regulations, which are available.~~ This information is available in the Parcel Post Manual at www.upu.int.

By the Chairman.

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