

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Regulations Pertaining to 39 U.S.C. § 601

Docket No. RM2020-4

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued April 1, 2020)

In response to a motion from the Public Representative, Chairman's Information Request No. 1 was issued in this proceeding.¹ The Postal Service responded on March 11, 2020.² To obtain additional clarifying information concerning Postal Service regulations relating to letters carried out of the mails, the Postal Service is requested to provide a written answer to the following questions. The answers should be provided by April 3, 2020.

1. Please refer to the Response to CHIR No. 1. Question 3.b. asked if the Postal Service believed that it may continue to suspend the operation of section 310.2(b) of the Postal Service's regulations without Commission authority pursuant to regulations promulgated under 39 U.S.C. 601(c), and if so, to explain.³ Unlike the unambiguous answer to question 3.a., the Postal Service answered question 3.b. by explaining that it understood the question to be asking whether it may continue to promulgate via rulemaking new suspensions to the Private Express Statutes. To clarify, the question was also exploring whether the

¹ Public Representative Motion for Issuance of Information Request, March 3, 2020; Chairman's Information Request No. 1, March 4, 2020 (CHIR No. 1).

² Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-3 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1, March 11, 2020 (Response to CHIR No. 1).

³ The original question incorrectly referenced section 310.6. The question should have referred to section 310.2 as was done correctly in the other parts of question 3, given that there is no subsection (b) of section 310.6.

Postal Service may continue to execute and enter into alternative payment agreements pursuant to section 310.2(b).

- a. How many written agreements are in effect pursuant to section 310.2(b)?
- b. Have any written agreements pursuant to section 310.2(b) been issued since the effective date of section 601(c) of title 39? If so, how many?
- c. If any written agreements have been issued since the effective date of section 601(c) of title 39, did the Postal Service obtain approval, coordinate, or otherwise communicate with the Postal Regulatory Commission regarding those written agreements? If not, please explain.
- d. How much revenue did the Postal Service receive pursuant to these written agreements in fiscal year 2019?
- e. Please identify where in the Annual Compliance Report the revenue from these written agreements is reported.

By the Chairman.

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