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Docket No. CP2020-263

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued September 3, 2020)

To clarify the Postal Service's request to add Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, First-Class Package International Service & Commercial ePacket Contract 9 to Competitive product list,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses are due no later than September 10, 2020.

1. In Docket No. CP2019-176, the financial workpapers filed in support of a contract modification indicated that the Postal Service anticipated negative inflation for domestic and international transportation. A Chairman's Information Request

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<sup>1</sup> USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, First-Class Package International Service & Commercial ePacket Contract 9 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal, August 31, 2020 (Request).

(CHIR) was issued in that docket asking the Postal Service to discuss those inflation projections in the context of operational challenges caused by COVID-19.<sup>2</sup> The financial workpapers filed in support of the Request in this docket indicate that the Postal Service continues to anticipate negative inflation for domestic and international transportation during the contract period of the instant agreement. Please discuss the following topics.

- a. Please explain whether the Postal Service is able to provide revised forward-looking estimates of attributable costs for outbound international mail that account for alternative modes of transportation and routings it has secured while operating under the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b. Please discuss whether the Postal Service has observed reduced domestic and international transportation costs for outbound international mail while operating under the COVID-19 pandemic to date and provide documentation of these observations.
- c. Please discuss whether and why the Postal Service expects domestic and international transportation costs to be below their respective FY 2019 levels during the contract period of the instant agreement and provide available documentation to support those expectations.

By the Chairman.

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<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. CP2019-176, Chairman's Information Request No. 2, April 30, 2020, questions 1-2 (Docket No. CP2019-176, CHIR No. 2).