

ORDER NO. 5821

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

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;  
Ashley E. Poling, Vice Chairwoman;  
Mark Acton;  
Ann C. Fisher; and  
Michael Kubayanda

Public Inquiry on the Universal  
Service Obligation Valuation Methodology

Docket No. PI2021-1

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISCLOSE METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION  
AND TO ADJUST PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued January 21, 2021)

On December 10, 2020, the Commission issued an order announcing its intent to revisit the methodology it uses to estimate the value of the Postal Service's universal service obligation (USO) and seeking public comment with respect to that methodology.<sup>1</sup> The Commission directed that comments be submitted by March 15, 2021. Order No. 5777 at 9. On January 12, 2021, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission, in the interest of facilitating more meaningful comments, provide a detailed explanation of its current USO valuation methodology, including workpapers showing the calculations underlying the Commission's most

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<sup>1</sup> Notice and Order Providing an Opportunity to Comment with Respect to Universal Service Obligation Valuation Methodology, December 10, 2020 (Order No. 5777).

recent USO valuation.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service also requests that the Commission defer the comment deadline in order to afford interested parties the opportunity to evaluate any materials provided by the Commission. Motion at 2. The Public Representative filed a response supporting the Postal Service's Motion.<sup>3</sup>

The Commission finds good cause to grant the Postal Service's Motion because the information requested by the Motion should be helpful in facilitating more detailed comments in this docket. The Commission will issue a library reference for inclusion in this docket as soon as practicable. At that time, the Commission will determine how long to extend the applicable comment deadline.

*It is ordered:*

The Motion of the United States Postal Service to Disclose Methodological Information and to Adjust Procedural Schedule, filed January 12, 2021, is granted.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker  
Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service to Disclose Methodological Information and to Adjust Procedural Schedule, January 12, 2021, at 1-2 (Motion).

<sup>3</sup> Public Representative Response to Motion to Disclose Methodological Information and Adjust Procedural Schedule, January 14, 2021, at 1.