

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Competitive Product Prices  
Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)

Docket No. CP2022-35

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CHANGES IN RATES  
FOR INBOUND PARCEL POST (AT UPU RATES)

(Issued December 13, 2021)

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 10, 2020, the Postal Service filed notice announcing its intention to change prices not of general applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at Universal Postal Union (UPU) Rates) effective January 1, 2022.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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, December 10, 2021, at 1-2 (Notice).

## II. CONTENTS OF FILING

With the Notice, the Postal Service filed: a redacted copy of the UPU International Bureau (IB) Circular 145 that contains the new provisional prices,<sup>2</sup> a copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3035.105(c)(2), redacted Postal Service data used to justify any bonus payments, a copy of the Postal Service's submission to the UPU in support of an inflation-linked adjustment, a redacted copy of Governors' Decision 19-1, and a redacted copy of UPU IB Circular 148, which contains comparative rate information for a prior period to support the Postal Service's contentions about cost coverage. Notice at 2-3; *see id.* Attachments 2-7. The Postal Service also filed redacted Excel versions of financial workpapers. Notice at 3.

Additionally, the Postal Service filed an unredacted copy of Governors' Decision 19-1, an unredacted copy of the new prices, and related financial information under seal. *See id.* The Postal Service filed an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal. Notice, Attachment 1.

The Postal Service states that it has provided supporting documentation as required by Order No. 2102 and Order No. 2310.<sup>3</sup> In addition, the Postal Service states that it provided citations and copies of relevant UPU IB Circulars and updates to inflation-linked adjustments. Notice at 7.

## III. COMMISSION ACTION

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2022-35 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice.

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<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service explains that the prices are provisional because it expects the Postal Operations Council (POC) to issue revised rates in a re-issued circular during December of 2021. Notice at 3-4. The Postal Service anticipates that any revisions to the rates will be upward (resulting in increased cost coverage).

<sup>3</sup> Notice at 4-5. *See* Docket No. CP2014-52, Order Accepting Price Changes for Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), June 26, 2014, at 6 (Order No. 2102); Docket No. CP2015-24, Order Accepting Changes in Rates for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), December 29, 2014, at 4 (Order No. 2310).

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 39 CFR part 3035. Comments are due no later than December 20, 2021. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

#### IV. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2022-35 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding (Public Representative).
3. Comments are due no later than December 20, 2021.
4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker  
Secretary