

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW, 2021

Docket No. ACR2021

**FIRST RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO COMMISSION REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
IN THE FY 2021 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION**
(April 12, 2022)

In its Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Compliance Determination, issued on March 29, 2022, the Postal Regulatory Commission requested additional information from the Postal Service regarding a certain matter by April 12, 2021. The Postal Service's response to that request follows.

Respectfully submitted,

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POSTAL SERVICE RESPONSES TO ACD REQUESTS

Competitive Products, Pilot Program—Gift Cards:

1. *The Commission directs the Postal Service to file a notice of termination with the Commission when the Pilot Program ends, including notification no later than 14 days after the publication of the ACD whether the Postal Service is continuing the program past its initially anticipated end date of March 2022.*

RESPONSE:

The Postal Service has continued the pilot program in its current form past March 2022.

No final determinations have been reached with regard to ending the pilot, or with regard to any other potential steps that might be taken to modify the pilot. The Postal Service remains of the view that the pilot program is an appropriate and limited test of an alternative payment method for the established gift card product, which does not implicate the current Mail Classification Schedule, and that no further regulatory action is warranted at this time. The Postal Service, however, would nonetheless be an active participant in any future Commission proceedings that may be initiated regarding the pilot program.