

ORDER NO. 69

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

Before Commissioners:

Dan G. Blair, Chairman;  
Mark Acton, Vice Chairman;  
Ruth Y. Goldway; and  
Tony L. Hammond

Notice of Price Adjustment

Docket No. R2008-1

REVIEW OF POSTAL SERVICE AMENDED  
NOTICE OF MARKET DOMINANT PRICE ADJUSTMENT

(Issued April 9, 2008)

In Order No. 66, the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) found that the workshare discount for applying a barcode to certain Standard Mail letters was inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3622(e).<sup>1</sup> In that Order, the Commission stated that “[a]n amended notice of rate adjustment should be provided to remedy this problem” in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3010.13(e). *Id.* at 36. The Commission also noted that, under the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, the Postal Service has the responsibility for designing rates consistent with its requirements, but made a suggestion on how the Postal Service could reasonably remedy the issue without seriously disrupting mailers or undermining its financial health. *Id.* at 37.

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Order No. 66, March 17, 2008, at 32-37.

On March 26, 2008, the Postal Service filed an amended notice to remedy this problem.<sup>2</sup> The Postal Service's amendments to its initial filing followed the approach suggested by the Commission in Order No. 66. Amended Notice at 2.

The Commission noticed the Postal Service's amended filing, providing interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Amended Notice by no later than April 7, 2008.<sup>3</sup> No comments were submitted.

Upon review of the Amended Notice, the Commission finds that the changes made to the rates associated with the passthrough for non-automation machinable mixed AADC letters to automation mixed AADC letters passthrough are consistent with the statute. The changes produce a discount for having mailers affix a barcode on the mailpiece that is consistent with section 3622(e). The changes reduce the class average increase for Standard Mail from 2.875 percent to 2.838 percent. This reduction keeps the Postal Service below the 2.9 percent price cap for the Standard Mail class and results in a revised banked amount of 0.062 percent.

*It is Ordered:*

1. The price adjustments in the Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing of Amended Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment are within the annual limitation on changes in rates set forth in 39 U.S.C. § 3622(d) and 39 C.F.R. § 3010.13.
2. The workshare discounts in the Amended Notice satisfy the requirements of 39 U.S.C. § 3622(e).

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams  
Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing of Amended Notice of Market-Dominant Price Adjustment, March 26, 2008 (Amended Notice).

<sup>3</sup> Notice of Amended Market Dominant Price Adjustment, March 27, 2008.