

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Modification of Mail Classification Schedule  
for Requirements for Global Express  
Guaranteed Service

Docket No. MC2009-39

ORDER ACCEPTING CLASSIFICATION CHANGE  
FOR GLOBAL EXPRESS GUARANTEED SERVICE

(Issued September 3, 2009)

I. INTRODUCTION

The Postal Service proposes a change in classification for Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) service in accordance with 3020.90 *et seq.* For the reasons discussed below, the Commission accepts the Postal Service's classification change.

## II. BACKGROUND

On August 18, 2009, the Postal Service filed a notice with the Commission concerning a change in classification for GXG service pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.*<sup>1</sup> The change revises eligibility for online discounts for GXG service by eliminating the requirement that customers must register via the GXG website at *usps.com*. The change, which “is designed to reflect current practice,” enables customers to purchase online discounted postage for GXG service and other international expedited and parcel services through Click-N-Ship at *usps.com* or by using other commercial online postage providers. *Id.* at 1.

The Postal Service indicates that the change to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) “will give effect to changes in the International mail Manual to be made effective September 8, 2009.” *Id.* The Postal Service asserts this classification change is consistent with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3642, and further proposes conforming MCS language. *Id.*

In Order No. 282, the Commission gave notice of the docket, appointed a Public Representative, and provided the public with an opportunity to comment.<sup>2</sup>

## III. COMMENTS

Comments were filed by the Public Representative.<sup>3</sup> No other interested person submitted comments. The Public Representative raises two points. First, he notes that the current International Mail Manual (IMM) includes a provision similar to the language being removed from the MCS. See IMM § 212.24. Further, he states that the IMM

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<sup>1</sup> See Notice of United States Postal Service of Classification Change, August 18, 2009 (Notice). This Notice is available on the Commission’s website, *www.prc.gov*.

<sup>2</sup> PRC Order No. 282, Notice and Order Concerning Classification Change for Global Express Guaranteed Service, August 19, 2009 (Order No. 282).

<sup>3</sup> Public Representative Comments on Proposed Change of Mail Classification Schedule for Global Express Guaranteed Service, August 28, 2009 (Public Representative Comments).

indicates that the GXG service online application provides systems for tracking usage and volume data as well as verifying and protecting revenue. *Id.* at 2, citing IMM § 212.21. The Public Representative presumes that the current options (Click-N-Ship and other online postage providers) provide the necessary tracking and revenue protection features ascribed to online registration for GXG service being eliminated. *Id.*

Second, the Public Representative suggests that the IMM be updated to reflect the changes consistent with the filing, and that the Postal Service should assure the Commission that the change is being made contemporaneously to the IMM. *Id.* at 2-3.

Based on his review of the proposal, the Public Representative concludes that the proposed change is not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. 3642. *Id.* at 3.

#### IV. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Public Representative comments are useful, noting differences between the revised MCS language and provisions in the IMM. Like the Public Representative, the Commission assumes that the change does not compromise the tracking and revenue protection features for GXG service.

In its Notice, the Postal Service indicates that the “change is designed to reflect current practice.” Notice at 1. It notes further that “[t]he change in the MCS will give effect to changes in the [IMM] to be made effective on September 8, 2009.” *Id.* While this statement suggests that the corresponding changes in relevant IMM provisions have been noticed (to take effect September 8, 2009), based on a review of amendments to the IMM as published in recent issues of the *Postal Bulletin*, the Commission is unable to confirm that the instant change is being made contemporaneously to the IMM. Thus, the Postal Service shall clarify, by September 10, 2009, that the change is contemporaneously reflected in the IMM.

The Commission finds that the proposed change is in accordance with 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.*, and is not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. 3642. The draft Mail

Classification Schedule will be modified to reflect the substance of the proposed change.

V. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is Ordered:*

1. As set forth in this Order, the Postal Service's modification of the draft Mail Classification Schedule is accepted.
2. As set forth in this Order, clarification is due by September 10, 2009.

By the Commission.

Ann C. Fisher  
Acting Secretary