

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 Eligibility Requirements for Direct Entry
Parcels Contracts

Docket No. MC2009-41

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CLASSIFICATION CHANGE
FOR DIRECT ENTRY PARCELS CONTRACTS

(Issued September 11, 2009)

On September 10, 2009, the Postal Service filed a notice with the Commission pursuant to 3020.90 *et seq.* concerning a change in classification for Direct Entry Parcels (DEP) contracts¹ The change reduces the minimum capability requirements for DEP contracts from 5,000 pieces or \$100,000 to 2,500 pieces or \$50,000.

The Postal Service states that the lower minimum capability requirements would allow DEP contracts to be available to a wider range of potential customers, while still large enough to warrant the transaction costs to offer a customized agreement to a potential customer. *Id.* at 1. It notes that the change mirrors the classification change proposed in Docket No. MC2009-38 for minimum capability requirements for Global

¹ See Notice of United States Postal Service of Classification Change, September 10, 2009 (Notice). This Notice is available on the Commission's website, www.prc.gov.

Expedited Package Services (GEPS) contracts, which are marketed to similar types of customers.² *Id.* at 1-2.

The Postal Service asserts this classification change is consistent with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3642, and further proposes conforming Mail Classification Schedule language.

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.92, the Commission provides notice of the Postal Service's filing and affords interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the proposed classification change is inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. 3642. Comments are due September 18, 2009.

39 CFR 3020.91 requires the Postal Service to file notice of the proposed change with the Commission no less than 15 days prior to the effective date of the proposed change. The Notice does not indicate the effective date of the change proposed in this filing.

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

It is Ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2009-41 for consideration of the matters raised in this docket.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

² See Docket No. MC2009-38, Order Accepting Classification Change for Global Expedited Package Services Contracts, August 19, 2009.

3. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than September 18, 2009.

By the Commission.

Judith M. Grady
Acting Secretary