

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Modification of Analytic Principles in Periodic
Reporting (Proposal Twenty)

Docket No. RM2010-1

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON ANALYTIC
PRINCIPLES USED IN PERIODIC REPORTING
(PROPOSAL TWENTY)

(Issued October 7, 2009)

On October 6, 2009, the Postal Service filed a petition to initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes in the analytical methods approved for use in periodic reporting.¹ The Petition explains that the Postal Service has conducted a new special study for the purpose of updating density factors used to distribute vehicle service driver attributable costs in Cost Segment 8 and attributable transportation costs in Cost Segment 14. The data-collection method is similar to the previous special study described in Library Reference USPS-LR-K-33 in Docket No. R2001-1. See *id.*, Proposal 20, at 1.

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider a Proposed Change in Analytic Principles (Proposal Twenty), October 6, 2009 (Petition).

The attachment to the Postal Service's Petition explains its proposal in more detail, including the background, objective, rationale, and estimated impact. For illustrative purposes, the Postal Service provides a table showing the impact of distributing FY 2008 highway, rail, and vehicle service driver costs based on the new and existing density factors. See *id.*, Proposal 20, at 3.

It is Ordered:

1. The Petition of the United State Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider a Proposed Change in Analytic Principles (Proposal Twenty), filed October 6, 2009, is granted.
2. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2010-1 to consider the matters raised by the Postal Service's Petition.
3. Interested persons may submit comments on or before October 28, 2009.
4. The Commission will determine the need for reply comments after review of the initial comments.
5. Cassie D'Souza is designated to serve as the Public Representative representing the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
6. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Notice in the *Federal Register*.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary