

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 Analytical Principles in
Periodic Reporting
(Proposals Twenty-Six through Twenty-Eight)

Docket No. RM2010-5

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON ANALYTICAL
PRINCIPLES USED IN PERIODIC REPORTING
(PROPOSALS TWENTY-SIX THROUGH TWENTY-EIGHT)

(Issued December 3, 2009)

On December 1, 2009, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 to initiate an informal rulemaking proceeding to consider changes in the analytical methods approved for use in periodic reporting.¹ Proposal Twenty-Six would change the methods used to estimate the Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (RPW) values for Alaska Bypass mail and would not affect the FY09 Annual Compliance Review (ACR). In the attachment addressing Proposal Twenty-Six that accompanies the Petition, the Postal Service explains that the pricing methodology for Alaska Bypass

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytic Principles (Proposals Twenty-six – Twenty-eight), December 1, 2009 (Petition).

mail was changed from a piece system to a palletized system (where the piece total is the maximum number of 70 pound pieces plus one for the remainder on each pallet) as of May 11, 2009.

Proposal Twenty-Seven is triggered by a data collection change and would change the methodology used to estimate Carrier Sequence Barcode Sorter (CSBCS) productivity and would affect the FY 2009 Annual Compliance Report (ACR). Proposal Twenty-Seven is a result of the discontinuation of Management Operating Data System (MODS) operation numbers. The Postal Service proposes to replace the MODS productivity data with adjusted throughput data from machine utilization reports.

Proposal Twenty-Eight would remove all single-piece Parcel Post models from the FY 2009 ACR because the models are no longer required to support the price structure, tied to the calculation of workshare cost avoidances, or supported by data from existing systems.

The attachments to the Postal Service's Petition explain each proposal in more detail, including its objective, background, impact, and an empirical example (comparing the changes in data reporting to the status quo). The Petition, including the attachments, are available for review on the Commission's website, www.prc.gov.

Comments on Proposals Twenty-Six through Twenty-Eight are due no later than December 17, 2009.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Emmett Rand Costich and John Klingenberg are appointed as Public Representatives to represent the interests of the general public in the above-captioned docket.

It is ordered:

1. The Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytic Principles (Proposals Twenty-six –Twenty-eight), filed December 1, 2009, is granted.

2. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2010-5 to consider the matters raised by the Postal Service's Petition.
3. Interested persons may submit comments on Proposals Twenty-Six through Twenty-Eight no later than December 17, 2009.
4. The Commission will determine the need for reply comments after review of the initial comments.
5. The Commission appoints Emmett Rand Costich and John Klingenberg as Public Representatives to represent 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