

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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NOTICE OF FORUM PROCEDURES

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The Commission scheduled a public forum to afford interested stakeholders the opportunity to discuss issues related to the Postal Service's continuing financial stability. The forum will take place Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 10 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room.

Thirteen organizations filed a notice of intent to participate in the forum with the Commission. Additionally, the initial notice scheduling the forum stated that the Postal Service would be afforded the opportunity to respond during the forum. The Commission appreciates the willingness of forum participants to help explore issues central to the Commission's responsibilities in preparing an annual compliance determination pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3653.

The Postal Service notes that it discusses its current plans to achieve financial stability and references sources of significant amounts of relevant information in its January 29, 2010 response to the Commission's request. Additionally, a number of the forum participants touched on this topic in formal comments filed with the Commission in this docket. Participants should feel free to refer to these materials during the discussion.

The forum will be structured to encourage an active exchange of views on relevant topics. Each of the 13 participants will be given an opportunity to briefly state what they see as the central issue (or issues) in assuring maintenance of financial stability for the Postal Service. It is requested that these opening statements be limited to 2-3 minutes. This

should expose the full spectrum of relevant concerns. Commissioners may seek clarification of ideas presented during opening statements.

Following opening statements, participants will be given the opportunity to offer comments or elaborations on issues raised. The Chairman will moderate the discussion to assure that as many topics as possible are fully explored. It is recognized that participants may disagree on the importance of issues or on how issues are interrelated. Nonetheless, it is expected that varying points of view will be discussed rather than argued.

Commissioners may interject questions or ask for comments on factors relevant to the discussion.

The Postal Service is invited to participate in the discussion. In particular, Postal Service views on practical or operational limitations that might impact the feasibility of potential solutions will be welcome. Additionally, members of the audience may seek to be recognized to add comments on specific statements made during the forum. Statements of views from members of the audience may be received if time permits.

The forum will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

Judith M. Grady
Acting Secretary