

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

TRANSFERRING COMMERCIAL STANDARD MAIL
PARCELS TO THE COMPETITIVE PRODUCT LIST

Docket No. MC2010-36

SUPPLEMENT TO THE POSTAL SERVICE'S REQUEST

The Postal Service has requested in this docket to transfer “commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels” to the competitive product list.¹ The Postal Service used the name “commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels” for the product in order to align the transfer request with the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) changes proposed in Docket No. R2010-4. Those MCS changes would have resulted in the current Standard Mail Parcels and the portion of the current Standard Mail Not-Flat Machinables (NFM)s used for fulfillment purposes to become “Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels.”² Thus, the Postal Service has essentially requested in the instant docket to transfer the current commercial Standard Mail Parcels and a portion of the current Standard Mail NFM)s to the competitive product list.

The Exigent Request of the United States Postal Service in Docket No. R2010-4 was denied on September 30, 2010.³ In its Reply Comments in the instant docket, the Postal Service noted that it would file a request for the classification changes proposed in Docket No. R2010-4 for Standard Mail NFM)s and Parcels, to facilitate the requested

¹ See Request of the United States Postal Service to Transfer Commercial Standard Mail Parcels to the Competitive Product List, Docket No. MC2010-36 (Aug. 16, 2010).

² See Exigent Request of the United States Postal Service, Docket No. R2010-4 (Jul. 6, 2010).

³ Order No. 547, Docket No. R2010-4 (Sept. 30, 2010).

transfer.⁴ Upon reevaluation, the Postal Service believes that doing so would only complicate an already complicated MCS.

The Postal Service believes it would be more prudent at this time for the Commission to transfer the current commercial Standard Mail Parcels to the competitive product list, where it would become Lightweight Parcel Select. Then, the next time the Postal Service initiates a proceeding to raise market-dominant rates within the statutory price cap, it would include classification changes to Standard Mail NFM's that would result in the portion of Standard Mail NFM's currently used for fulfillment purposes to migrate to Lightweight Parcel Select.

Effecting the transfer in this manner would not require a departure from the proposed competitive product MCS changes attached to the Postal Service's Request in this docket.⁵

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ Reply Comments of the United States Postal Service, Docket No. MC2010-36 (Oct. 15, 2010), at 9.

⁵ However, because the request in Docket No. R2010-4 was denied, the proposed market-dominant MCS changes are no longer accurate. Effecting the transfer in the manner proposed in this Supplement would require the removal of all references to "Commercial" in the Standard Mail Machinable Parcels and Standard Mail Irregular Parcels subsections of the market-dominant MCS.

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