

Before the
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS PRICE CHANGES
RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Docket No. CP2011-26

Associated Mail & Parcel Centers (AMPC) Comments

In response to *Notice Of The United States Postal Service Of Changes In Rates Of General Applicability For Competitive Products Established In Governors' Decision No. 10-4*, Docket No. CP2011-26, Dated November 2, 2010, Associated Mail & Parcel Centers hereby provides comments.

The concern that we see that needs to be addressed that originated in the USPS Rate Increase Announcement (Release No. 10-103, dated November 2, 2010) is:

"Post Office Boxes at these Post Offices have been classified as competitive products, allowing the Postal Service to **test consumer interest in enhancements to current service** and help shape future offerings."

According to the PRC, concern regarding enhancements is premature (Order No 473, Dated 06/17/2010, Docket MC 2010-20):

"The concerns raised by these commenters are not insignificant. They are, however, premature. First, the Postal Service's proposal is narrowly tailored, involving a limited number of locations and no changes in fees or services. **Potential changes in the nature of P.O. Box Service are not before the Commission in this proceeding. If, in the future, the Postal Service proposes to offer ancillary P.O. Box Services, these issues can be raised.**"

The PRC also mentioned that PO Box enhancements have nothing to do with being on the Competitive Price List:

"Third, the concerns expressed about potential changes to P.O. Box Service [enhancements] are not contingent on approval of the Request. **The Postal Service is not foreclosed from proposing to add ancillary services to P.O. Box Service whether classified as a market dominant or competitive product.** Consequently, concerns about potential changes to P.O. Box Service do not warrant rejecting the instant proposal. "

Although the *Notice Of The United States Postal Service Of Changes In Rates Of General Applicability For Competitive Products Established In Governors' Decision No. 10-4*, Docket No. CP2011-26, Dated November 2, 2010, does not specifically mention P.O. Box Enhanced Services, the mention of wording of the announcement would seem to indicate an interest in such enhancements and an understanding by the USPS that the door is indeed open to explore them.

For the reasons stated above, AMPC requests the following be restated and understood by the USPS:

It is understood and needs to be emphasized that , in order for the USPS to provide any enhanced services regarding the Recipient Service of P.O. Boxes, these enhanced services must be proposed to the PRC and allow for public comment.

AMPC respectfully submits the foregoing Comments for the Commission's consideration.

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