

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

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR
EXPRESS MAIL INTERNATIONAL FLAT RATE ENVELOPES

Docket No.
MC2012-30

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INFORMATION REQUEST IN ORDER NO. 1386
(July 5, 2012)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to the information request included in Order No. 1386, which was issued on June 28, 2012. A response was requested no later than July 6, 2012. The question is repeated verbatim and followed by the Postal Service's response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Information Request. The Postal Service notes that it filed the instant Notice (affecting international mail offerings) one business day after filing a notice of changes in rates of general applicability and concomitant classification changes for a domestic Express Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope. *Id.* (citing Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for a Competitive Product, Established in Governors' Decision No. 12-1, PRC Docket No. CP2012-39, June 22, 2012).²

The instant Notice would likewise appear to effect a change in rates of general applicability. Accordingly, the Postal Service is requested to address, no later than July 6, 2012, why a filing similar to that made in Docket No. CP2012-39 was not made with respect to the change in EMI rates. If, on reconsideration, the instant filing should have been filed pursuant to 39 CFR part 3015, the Postal Service may file the supporting material in the instant docket.

² The Notices referred to in this Order can be accessed via the Commission's website, (<http://www.prc.gov>).

RESPONSE:

A filing similar to that made in Docket No. CP2012-39 was not made in this docket with respect to the proposed addition of Express Mail International (EMI) Padded Flat Rate Envelope because such an addition does not effect a change in rates of general applicability. As the Postal Service stated in the notice that it filed in this docket on June 25, 2012,

The change adds the EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope as another Flat Rate Envelope option in the EMI product category. The dimensions (12.5 inches by 9.5 inches) of the EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope are the same dimensions as the EMI Flat Rate Envelope. In addition, the price for the EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope (\$29.25 to Canada and \$38.00 to all other countries that offer EMI service) is the same as the price for the current EMI Flat Rate Envelope and EMI Legal Flat Rate Envelope. Finally, all other standards (e.g., maximum weight limit of 20 pounds) that apply to the EMI Flat Rate Envelope and EMI Legal Flat Rate Envelope, also apply to the EMI Padded Flat Rate

Envelope. The minor change is designed to increase customer Flat Rate Envelope options.¹

Because, as stated in that notice, the price for the EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope is the same as the price for the current EMI Flat Rate Envelope and EMI Legal Flat Rate Envelope, the Postal Service does not consider that the addition of the EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope option in the EMI product category constitutes a change in rates of general applicability.

In contrast, the Management Analysis attached to Governors' Decision No. 12-01, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Establishment of Rate and Class of General Applicability for Express Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope, which is included with the Postal Service notice filed on June 22, 2012 in Docket No. CP2012-39, states that "Initially, the Express Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope will be offered at the same prices currently available for the Regular and Legal Flat Rate Envelopes.... The pricing for these items may differentiate in future price adjustments."²

Because the Postal Service plans for the EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope option and the EMI Flat Rate Envelope and EMI Legal Flat Rate options to have the same price, the Postal Service does not consider that the addition of the EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope option in the EMI product category constitutes a change in rates of general applicability. As a result, a filing similar to that made in Docket No. CP2012-39 was not made in this docket with respect to the proposed addition of EMI Padded Flat Rate Envelope.

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Classification Changes, PRC Docket No. MC2012-30, June 25, 2012, at 1.

² Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for a Competitive Product, Established in Governors' Decision No. 12-1, PRC Docket No. CP2012-39, June 22, 2012, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Establishment of Rate and Class of General Applicability for Express Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope (Governors' Decision No. 12-01), Management Analysis, Express Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope.