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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Global Expedited Package Services 3 (MC2010-28)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket Nos. CP2013-67

Public Representative Comments on
NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING FILING OF
GLOBAL EXPEDITED PACKAGE SERVICES 3
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

(June 18, 2013)

In response to Order No. 1749, the Public Representative hereby comments on the June 13, 2013 Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) 3 Negotiated Service Agreement (Notice).

The Postal Service's Notice stipulates that this NSA is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 C.F.R. 3015.5. *Notice at 2.* Further, the Notice demonstrates that the agreement is functionally equivalent to the contract that is subject of Docket No. CP2010-71. *Id.* This contract serves as the baseline agreement detailed in Governors'

Decision No. 08-7.¹ The Postal Service states that its contract is fundamentally comparable to this baseline agreement and as a result “should be added to the competitive product list as a GEPS 3 contract.” *Notice at 3.* The Notice mentions, however, differences between the contract and the baseline contract, which include name of customer, revision of paragraphs, revisions of articles, and an addition of Annex 2.

Pricing, Cost Coverage and Contribution

The GEPS NSA model provides incentives for a mailer sending large volumes of EMI and/or PMI to foreign addressees. The contract’s pricing reflect appropriate increases in costs and comports with the template in Governors’ Decision 08-7, which established the GEPS product.

Conclusion

The Public Representative, after accessing, reviewing, and comparing materials the United States Postal Service submitted under seal in this matter and the corresponding baseline agreement, acknowledges that the pricing in the present GEPS 3 contract comports with relevant provisions of title 39. This contract appears able to generate sufficient revenue to cover attributable costs based on information provided by the Postal Service. In addition, this contract employs pricing incentives based upon volumes and other provisions favorable to the Postal Service, NSA Partner, and the public.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the preceding comments for the Commission’s consideration.

¹ The Governors established a pricing formula and classification that ensures each GEPS contract meets the criteria of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and the regulations promulgated thereunder. Therefore, the costs of each contract conform to a common description. In addition, the GEPS language proposed for the MCS requires that each GEPS contract must cover its attributable costs.

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