

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
INBOUND INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITED SERVICES 2  
(MC2009-10)

Docket No.  
CP2013-77

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHAIRMAN'S  
INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**  
(August 27, 2013)

On August 23, 2013, the Commission issued Chairman's Information Request No. 1 requiring a response not later than August 27, 2013. The Postal Service hereby provides the requested information.

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Section 2515.6.1(d) of the proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule replaces "Unless covered by a negotiated service agreement" with "Unless otherwise provided by agreement . . ." Notice, Attachment 6. Please provide a complete list of all agreements other than negotiated service agreements that would apply to this provision.

### RESPONSE:

As an initial matter, the Postal Service notes that changes to section 2515.6.1(d) of the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) have been under consideration at least since the Postal Service provided its comments on March 24, 2011, in PRC Docket No. RM2011-8. At that time, the Postal Service suggested to replace the word "There" with "Unless covered by a negotiated agreement, there" in order to provide greater clarity. See Appendix A, p.34. Subsequently, in the Postal Service's July 29, 2011, submission of its suggested changes to the proposed MCS, the "negotiated service agreement" language was introduced into the draft. That proposed language was adopted by the Commission and published on the PRC's website in its redline version of the MCS dated July 31, 2013. The Postal Service prepared the proposed classification changes presented in this docket, PRC Docket CP2013-77, using the Commission's redline version as the baseline.

The change to the MCS takes into account the fact that customer service guarantees from certain origins are in effect as a result of an agreement among a small group of postal operators known as KPG. The KPG arrangement, however, does not include any rates apart from the overall Inbound EMS rates that the Postal Service

publishes through the Universal Postal Union's EMS Unit. In accordance with 39 U.S.C. § 407(d)(2), the KPG agreement was filed with the Commission on February 4, 2013.

In sum, other than the KPG arrangement, there are no other service guarantees currently offered for inbound EMS.