

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 80 (MC2014-23)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2014-38

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON
POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT
TO PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 80

(August 21, 2014)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to Order No. 2157.¹ In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of a change in the terms of Priority Mail Contract 80.² Attachment A to the Notice consists of a redacted version of the amendment to Priority Mail Contract 80.

In Order No. 2056, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to add Priority Mail Contract 80 as a new product to the competitive product list.³ The amendment to Paragraph I.E. of Priority Mail contract 80 changes the customer's minimum annual volume commitment for Priority Mail packages during the first year of the three-year contract. Notice, Attachment A, at 1.

The Postal Service asserts that the amendment will not materially affect the cost coverage of Priority Mail Contract 80. Notice at 1. The Postal Service adds that as a result, the supporting financial documentation and financial certification initially provided in this docket remains applicable. *Id.* The Postal Service also states that the

¹ PRC Order No. 2157, Notice and Order Concerning Amendment to a Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement, August 18, 2014.

² Notice of United States Postal Service of Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 80, with Portions Filed Under Seal, August 15, 2014 (Notice).

³ See Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 80 to the Competitive Product List, April 16, 2014.

amendment will take effect one business day following the day on which Commission completes its regulatory review of this filing. *Id.*

COMMENTS

The Public Representative has reviewed Priority Mail Contract 80 and the Postal Service's amendment thereto. Based upon that review, the Public Representative recommends Commission approval of the amendment to Priority Mail Contract 80.

The Public Representative agrees with the Postal Service assessment that the amendment will not material affect the cost coverage of Priority Mail Contract 80. As filed, the amendment does not change any of the negotiated rates for Priority Mail Contract 80, nor does it change the calculation of costs. As a result, there is likely to be little if any change in costs, or a material effect on cost coverage, arising from the change in the first-year minimum volume commitment.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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