

ORDER NO. 2295

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Modification of Mail Classification  
Schedule for Global Reseller Expedited  
Package Contracts

Docket No. MC2015-18

ORDER APPROVING MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

(Issued December 19, 2014)

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 9, 2014, the Postal Service filed a notice pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91 concerning a minor classification change to the competitive product Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts.<sup>1</sup> For the reasons stated below, the Commission approves the proposed change.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Postal Service proposes to amend the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) by revising the requirements for postage payment for a reseller's customers for Global

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of Minor Classification Change, December 9, 2014 (Notice).

Reseller Expedited Package Contracts. Notice at 1. The current section 2510.7.1b of the MCS states that “[t]he reseller’s customers are required to use PC Postage from an authorized PC Postage vendor for payment of postage or use an authorized Meter Provider using devices and methods for data entry authorized by the Postal Service.” The Postal Service proposes that this sentence be changed to state “[t]he reseller’s customers are required to use PC Postage from an authorized PC Postage vendor, or any other method authorized by the Postal Service under the reseller’s Global Reseller Expedited Package contract, for payment of postage.” Notice at 1.

The Postal Service states that the revision will allow it to offer Global Reseller Expedited Package contracts to resellers whose customers use various postage payments authorized by the Postal Service and would enable the Postal Service to offer its own permit shipping software to users. *Id.* at 2. It maintains that such software is currently used by Global Expedited Package Services 3 contract customers, so such methods of payment should be familiar to the Commission. *Id.*

On December 10, 2014, the Commission issued an order establishing the present docket, appointing a Public Representative, and providing interested persons with the opportunity to comment.<sup>2</sup>

### III. COMMENTS

Comments were filed by the Public Representative.<sup>3</sup> No other interested person submitted comments.

The Public Representative states that the proposed change is minor in nature and not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642. She notes that the change provides the Postal Service with more flexibility when contracting with resellers, which she believes is

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<sup>2</sup> Order No. 2278, Notice and Order Concerning Minor Classification Change Regarding Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts, December 10, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Public Representative Comments, December 17, 2014 (PR Comments).

in the public interest. She therefore expresses no objection to the minor change.  
PR Comments at 2.

#### IV. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Postal Service filed the proposed change pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91, which requires the Postal Service to submit corrections to the MCS to ensure that the product descriptions accurately represent current product and service offerings. Notices filed pursuant to these rules are appropriate when the proposed change to the MCS is relatively minor in nature and does not entail modifying either the market dominant or the competitive product lists. Provided the change is not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642, the Commission will update the MCS to coincide with the effective date of the proposed change. 39 C.F.R. § 3020.93.

The Commission agrees with the Public Representative's assertion that the revised requirements for postage payment appear to be minor in nature and afford the Postal Service with an appropriate level of increased flexibility. The Commission approves the proposed classification change as consistent with 39 C.F.R. §§ 3020.90 and 3020.91 and not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642. It shall make conforming modifications to the draft MCS with an effective date of December 19, 2014.

#### V. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

*It is ordered:*

1. The proposed classification change is in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 *et seq.* and is not inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642.
2. Revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule appear below the signature of this Order and are effective as of December 19, 2014.

3. The Secretary shall arrange for publication in the *Federal Register* of an updated product list reflecting the change made in this Order.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

## CHANGES TO THE MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

The following material represents a change to the Mail Classification Schedule. The Commission uses two main conventions when making changes to the Mail Classification Schedule. New text is underlined. Deleted text is struck through.

### PART B—Competitive Products

**2000**            **Competitive Product List**

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**2500**            **Negotiated Service Agreements**

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**2510**            **Outbound International**

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**2510.7**        **Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts**

2510.7.1        Description

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- b. Preparation requirements are the same as for all GXG, PMEI, PMI, and FCPIS shipments with the following exceptions:
  - The reseller's customers are required to use PC Postage from an authorized PC Postage vendor, or any other method authorized by the Postal Service under the reseller's Global Reseller Expedited Package contract, for payment of postage ~~or use an authorized Meter Provider using devices and methods for data entry authorized by the Postal Service.~~

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