

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

NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT
PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Docket No. R2015-4

COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS PRICE CHANGES
RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Docket No. CP2015-33

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF
FIRST-CLASS MAIL, SPECIAL SERVICES, AND COMPETITIVE PRICES**
(March 31, 2015)

The Postal Service hereby provides notice that on March 27, 2015, the Governors decided to delay the implementation of price and classification changes for First-Class Mail, Special Services, and competitive products to a future date which will be announced in the coming weeks. Pursuant to Postal Regulatory Commission (“PRC”) Order Nos. 2365, 2366, and 2388, price and classification changes for First-Class Mail, Special Services, and competitive products were to become effective on April 26, 2015.¹ However, the price and classification changes for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services, remain unapproved, having been remanded to the Postal Service for further consideration.²

¹ See, PRC Docket No. R2015-4, Order No. 2365 – Order on Price Adjustments for First-Class Products and Related Mail Classification Changes (Feb. 24, 2015), at 2, 17; PRC Docket No. CP2015-33, Order No 2366 – Order Approving Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Feb. 25, 2015), at 1, 13; PRC Docket No. R2015-4, Order No. 2388 – Order on Price Adjustments for Special Services Products and Related Mail Classification Changes (Mar. 10, 2015), at 2, 13.

² See *generally*, PRC Docket No. R2015-4, Order No. 2398 – Order on Amended Price Adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services Products (Mar. 18, 2015).

The Governors' choice to delay the implementation of price and classification changes for First-Class Mail, Special Services, and competitive products was primarily motivated by a desire to minimize the potential adverse impacts that might result from staggering the implementation of new prices. In particular, the Governors considered the complexity of the required programming changes, the potential cost to the supply chain as a whole, and other customer-specific complications. The Postal Service will announce a new implementation date for the price and classification changes for all affected market dominant and competitive products when it submits revised rates for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services in response to Order No. 2398.

Respectfully submitted,

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