

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail  
Priority Mail Contract 138

Docket No. MC2015-74

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail Contract 138 (MC2015-74)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2015-112

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued July 29, 2015)

To clarify the Postal Service's request to add Priority Mail Contract 138 to the competitive product list,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following question. The response should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than August 3, 2015.

In its Request, the Postal Service includes a public (redacted) version of Priority Mail Contract 138. Request, Attachment B. Paragraphs F1 and F2 of Article I—Terms are reproduced below:

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 138 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, July 27, 2015 (Request).

**I. Terms**

F. Annual Adjustment

1. For subsequent years of the contract, beginning on the first anniversary of the contract's effective date, customized prices under this contract will be the previous year's prices plus the most recent (as of the anniversary date) average increase in **prices of general applicability**, as calculated by the Postal Service, **for Priority Mail Commercial Plus**.
2. Customized prices for the subsequent years will be calculated by the Postal Service and rounded up to the nearest whole cent. If the Postal Service maintains or decreases **published rates of applicability for Priority Mail Commercial Plus**, there shall be no change to contract pricing for that contract year.

Request, Attachment B at 2 (emphasis added).

Please confirm that phrase "published rates of applicability for Priority Mail Commercial Plus" in paragraph F.2. has the same meaning as "prices of general applicability . . . for Priority Mail Commercial Plus" in paragraph F.1.<sup>2</sup> If not confirmed, please explain.

By the Acting Chairman.

Robert G. Taub

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<sup>2</sup> The same phrasing appears in other contracts. See, e.g., Docket Nos. MC2015-70 and CP2015-108, Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 134 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, July 24, 2015, Attachment B at 2, Article G ¶¶ 1 and 2; Docket Nos. MC2015-73 and CP2015-111, Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 137 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, July 27, 2015, Attachment B at 4, Article I ¶ J.