

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Competitive Products Price Changes  
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2016-9

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued November 3, 2015)

To clarify the Postal Service's planned competitive product price adjustments as described by the Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products Established in Governors' Decision No. 15-1<sup>1</sup>, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided no later than November 6, 2015.

Commenters on the Postal Service's Notice and its Response to CHIR No. 1 remain due November 3, 2015. If necessary, commenters may file comments on the Postal Service's Response to this Chairman's Information Request No. 2 the next business day after those responses are filed.

1. The following question concerns First-Class Package Service (FCPS) and seeks to clarify the methods by which single-piece FCPS mailpieces may be entered into the mail stream. In its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, the Postal Service stated that "FCPS can only be entered into the mail stream through the Business Mail Entry Unit (BMEU)."<sup>2</sup> In Docket No. MC2011-22, the Commission considered the Postal Service's request to transfer commercial

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<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products Established in Governors' Decision No. 15-1, October 16, 2015 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Responses of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, with Portions Filed Under Seal, November 2, 2015, question 4(a) (Response to CHIR No. 1).

First-Class Mail Parcels from the market dominant product list to the competitive product list. During this proceeding, the Postal Service stated:

“It is anticipated that the proposed Lightweight Commercial Parcels product will have the same allowable entry methods as commercial First-Class Mail Parcels, meaning that Lightweight Commercial Parcels mailpieces will be entered either through the collection mail stream (e.g., deposited in collection boxes, picked up by carriers, or tendered over a retail counter (pre-paid pieces only)) or in bulk through business mail entry units.”<sup>3</sup>

Please reconcile these two statements and clarify the allowable entry methods for single-piece FCPS mailpieces.

2. In its Response to CHIR No. 1, the Postal Service confirmed that FCPS is exclusively available to commercial customers and that it “would not be opposed to adding language to that effect in the MCS to better identify FCPS as a commercial offering.”<sup>4</sup> Please provide revised MCS language that would better identify FCPS as a commercial offering.
3. Please confirm that the International Service Center Zone Chart annual fee only applies to Priority Mail International Commercial Base and Commercial Plus customers and not Retail customers. If not confirmed, please explain.

By the Acting Chairman.

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<sup>3</sup> Docket No. MC2011-22, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-4 of Chairman’s Information Request No. 1, March 24, 2011, question 3(a)-(c). The Postal Service also stated that “pieces within the proposed Lightweight Commercial Parcels product can be entered as single pieces within the collection mail stream or in bulk through a business mail entry unit.” *Id.*, question 1(e).

<sup>4</sup> Responses to CHIR No. 1, question 4(b).