

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

RULE ON MOTIONS CONCERNING  
MAIL PREPARATION CHANGES

Docket No. RM2016-6

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS**  
(February 22, 2016)

The United States Postal Service hereby moves that the Commission suspend proceedings in this docket pending resolution of the Postal Service's Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 3047, which the Postal Service filed today, February 22, 2016, in Docket No. R2013-10R.<sup>1</sup>

On January 22, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 3047 setting forth the standard it plans to use to determine when changes in mail preparation requirements implicate the price cap.<sup>2</sup> On the same day, the Commission initiated this parallel rulemaking to establish a procedure and timeframe under which interested parties may challenge a mail preparation change that the Postal Service determines is not subject to the price cap under that standard.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service, Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 3047, PRC Docket No. R2013-10R (Feb. 22, 2016) (hereinafter "Motion for Reconsideration").

<sup>2</sup> Order No. 3047, Order Resolving Issues on Remand, PRC Docket No. R2013-10R (Jan. 22, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> Order No. 3048, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Motions Concerning Mail Preparation Changes, PRC Docket No. RM2016-6 (Jan. 22, 2016), at 1-2.

Today, February 22, 2016, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission reconsider the standard set forth in Order No. 3047.<sup>4</sup> Because the sole purpose of this rulemaking is to develop a procedure implementing that standard,<sup>5</sup> these proceedings are directly dependent on the outcome of the Postal Service's motion in that case. Further consideration of the standard could reshape or inform the objectives of this rulemaking. Indeed, resolution of the motion could obviate the need for this rulemaking altogether.

For these reasons the Postal Service requests that the Commission suspend the proceedings in this docket until it has considered and resolved the Postal Service's Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 3047.

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<sup>4</sup> Motion for Reconsideration at 1.

<sup>5</sup> PRC Order No. 3048 at 2-3.