

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

AMENDMENTS TO COMMISSION
PUBLISHING RULES

Docket No. RM2016-5

INITIAL COMMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(February 26, 2016)

The United States Postal Service hereby submits its initial comments on the proposed rules modifying the Commission's obligation to publish certain notices related to changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) in the Federal Register, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3642 and 39 C.F.R. part 3020.¹

The Postal Service recognizes that the Commission handles a large volume of proposed modifications to the MCS each year, including the addition of numerous Negotiated Service Agreements to the competitive product list. The Postal Service appreciates the substantial administrative burden and expense associated with publishing multiple notices in the Federal Register for each such change. The Commission's approach to alleviating that burden, as proposed in Order No. 3039, appears reasonable.

¹ Docket No. RM2016-5, Order No. 3039, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Minor Amendments to Commission Rules Regarding Proposed Modifications to the Mail Classification Schedule (January 20, 2016).

Respectfully submitted,

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