

ORDER NO. 3214

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

Before Commissioners:

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

Mail Classification Schedule

Docket No. RM2011-8

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

(Issued April 6, 2016)

The Commission initiated Docket No. RM2011-8 for the purpose of considering modifications to the Commission's rules appearing at 39 C.F.R. part 3020, subpart A concerning the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS).¹ This included the development and finalization of an MCS, with the intent of publishing the MCS both within the *Code of Federal Regulations* (C.F.R.) and on the Commission's website.

The comments received in this docket, provided by the Postal Service and the Public Representative, were invaluable in completing the MCS. The first version of the MCS was posted to the Commission's website on April 1, 2013, and has been

¹ Order No. 666, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Concerning Mail Classification Schedule, February 7, 2011; Order No. 758, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Concerning Mail Classification Schedule (Revising Order No. 666), July 12, 2011.

continuously updated as changes are made to prices and classifications.² The MCS has been successfully used as the authoritative source for price and classification matters since that time.

The initial intent of the rulemaking was to publish the MCS in the C.F.R., either by direct publication or by publication by reference. This approach came up against prohibitive cost and resource challenges, which necessitated the development of alternative approaches to making the MCS readily accessible. The alternative approach now under consideration is sufficiently different from the approach presented in Docket No. RM2011-8 that the Commission has decided to close Docket No. RM2011-8 and consider the alternative approach within a new docket. The new docket will be initiated concurrently with the closing of Docket No. RM2011-8.

It is ordered:

Docket No. RM2011-8 is hereby closed.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary

² Notice of Posting Draft Mail Classification Schedule to the Commission's Website, April 1, 2013.