

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 77 (MC2014-18)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2014-31

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON
CHANGE IN TERMS PURSUANT TO
AMENDMENT TO PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 77

(April 27, 2016)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to Order No. 3248.¹ In that Order, the Commission reopens the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service notice to change terms pursuant to an amendment to Priority Mail Contract 77.²

The Commission approved the original Priority Mail Contract 77 in Order No. 2010.³ In that order, the Commission found that “the Priority Mail market is highly competitive and thus prevents the Postal Service from significantly increasing rates or degrading service without potentially losing volume.” *Approving Order* at 4. The Commission also maintained that “there is no evidence of an adverse impact on small businesses.” *Id.*

¹ Notice and Order Concerning Amendment to a Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement, April 18, 2016 (Order No.3248).

² Notice of United States Postal Service of a Change in Terms Pursuant to Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 77. April 15, 2016 (Notice).

³ Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 77 to the Competitive Product List, March 7, 2014 (Approving Order).

The Public Representative has reviewed the newly amended contract filed under seal with the Notice, the response to Chairman's Information Request⁴, as well as other documentation related to the original Contract 77. The Public Representative maintains that the amended terms should generate sufficient revenue to cover costs and satisfy the requirements of 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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⁴ Response of United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1. Docket No. CP2014-31. April 26, 2016.