New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: December 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s website (http://www.prc.gov). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹ The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. Docket No(s.): CP2020–83; Filing Title: USPS Notice of Amendment to Parcel Select Contract 37, Filed Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 9, 2021; Filing Authority: 39 CFR 3035.105; Public Representative: Christopher C. Mohr; Comments Due: December 17, 2021.

This Notice will be published in the Federal Register.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.
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1 POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2022–34; Order No. 6059]

Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements With Foreign Postal Operators

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recent filing by the Postal Service that it has entered into the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators (FPOs). This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: December 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

On December 8, 2021, the Postal Service filed a notice with the Commission pursuant to 39 CFR 3035.105 and Order No. 546,¹ giving notice that it has entered into an Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators (FPOs). The Notice concerns the inbound portions of the competitive multi-product Interconnect Remuneration Agreement USPS and Specified Postal Operators II (IRA–USPS II Agreement). Notice at 1. The Postal Service seeks to include the IRA–USPS II Agreement within the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2010–34) product. Id. The IRA–USPS II Agreement contains rates for inbound competitive parcels and packets. Id. at 6.

The Postal Service asserts that the IRA–USPS II Agreement “is functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement filed in Docket No. MC2010–34 because the terms of this agreement are similar in scope and purpose to the terms of the CP2010–95 Agreement.” Id. at 3. Concurrent with the Notice, the Postal Service filed supporting financial documentation and the following documents:

• Attachment 1—an application for non-public treatment;
• Attachment 2—the IRA–USPS II Agreement;
• Attachment 3—a ZIP file with FPO-specific information related to FPOs that are parties to the IRA–USPS II Agreement;
• Attachment 4—Governors’ Decision No. 19–1;
• Attachment 5—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3035.105(c)(2). Id. at 5.

The Postal Service intends for the IRA–USPS II Agreement to become effective January 1, 2022, and continue indefinitely. Id. The Postal Service expects that additional FPOs may become party to the agreement and states that it will update this docket should additional FPOs accede to the IRA–USPS II Agreement. Id. at 6.

The Postal Service states it intends for these rates to be in effect on January 1, 2022. Id. at 1. The Postal Service states that, beginning with the rates that will be in effect in 2022, any party to the IRA–USPS II Agreement can change its delivery rates by communicating the new rates to the International Post Corporation by July 1 of the year preceding the rates’ application. Id. at 6. Additionally, the Postal Service notes that the IRA–USPS II Agreement allows parties to self-declare rates within defined parameters. Id.

The Postal Service states that the IRA–USPS II Agreement is in compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the inbound competitive portions of the baseline agreement, which was included in the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product (MC2010–34). Id. at 10. For these reasons, the Postal Service avers that the IRA–USPS II Agreement should be added to the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product. Id.

II. Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2022–34 to consider the Notice. Interested persons may submit comments on whether the IRA–USPS II Agreement is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR 3035.105 and whether it is functionally equivalent to the baseline agreement included in the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product (MC2010–34). Comments are due by December 16, 2021. The Notice and related filings are available on the Commission’s website (http://www.prc.gov). The Commission encourages interested persons to review the Notice for further details.

The Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons are due by December 16, 2021.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker, Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Postal Service®.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service® (USPS®) is proposing to revise a Customer Privacy Act Systems of Records (SOR). These modifications are being made to reflect enhanced functionality within an integrated technology system that supports USPS Identity Verification Services (IVS) and will seek to enhance In-Person Identity Proofing Capabilities to voluntarily align with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) 800.63A Digital Identity standards. This enhanced functionality will be used to meet internal USPS needs and the requirements of other Federal government agencies. Modifications to this SOR are also being proposed to support a separate initiative that enhances the In-Person enrollment process for the Informed Delivery® feature, with an objective to improve the customer experience. 

DATES: These revisions will become effective without further notice on January 14, 2022, unless, in response to comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via email to the Privacy and Records Management Office, United States Postal Service Headquarters (privacy@usps.gov). To facilitate public inspection, arrangements to view copies of any written comments received will be made upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janine Castorina, Chief Privacy and Records Management Officer, Privacy and Records Management Office, 202–268–3069 or privacy@usps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish their systems of records in the Federal Register when there is a revision, change, or addition, or when the agency establishes a new system of records. The Postal Service has determined that Customer Privacy Act System of Records USPS 910.000 Identity and Document Verification Services, should be revised to support efforts to enhance identity proofing capabilities and voluntarily align with new digital identity standards set forth by NIST. Additional proposed modifications support enhancements to the In-Person enrollment process for the Informed Delivery feature.

I. Background

The Postal Service utilizes a modern integrated Identity Verification System (IVS) to optimize, manage, and develop the Postal Service capabilities to support Identity Proofing for USPS, and other Federal Agencies under agreement with USPS, to provide identity verification services. Services provided by USPS may include biometric fingerprint collection, remote proofing, In-Person proofing webservice and Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) that enable the support and fulfillment of Federal agency requirements. USPS SOR 910.000, Identity and Document Verification, is being modified to reflect enhanced functionality within this integrated Identity Verification Services (IVS) system.

The Postal Service is seeking to enhance USPS’s identity proofing capabilities. The objectives of this initiative will advance the mission of the Postal Service by:

• Providing additional Identity proofing capabilities to meet requirements set forth in agreements with participating Federal Agencies, as authorized by 39 U.S.C. 411
• Improve the effectiveness and security of USPS internal identity proofing capabilities and processes

The Postal Service is voluntarily aligning its capabilities and processes with selected guidelines and standards for In-Person identity proofing from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). USPS offers an In-Person Proofing (IPP) service to support individuals that are not able to verify their identity remotely online. In-Person proofing capabilities provide different levels of certainty for which a user’s identity claim can be assessed at an