

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

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2010-36; Order No. 521]

Product List Transfer

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to transfer commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels from the market dominant product list to the competitive product list. This notice addresses procedural steps associated with the filing.

DATES: Comments are due September 17, 2010; reply comments are due October 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, stephen.sharfman@prc.gov or 202-789-6820.

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I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020 *et seq.*, on August 16, 2010, the Postal Service filed a request to transfer its commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels product from the market dominant product list to the competitive product list in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) on file with the Commission.¹

The Postal Service states that, to avoid confusion, this filing is based on the assumption that classification changes proposed in Docket No. R2010-4 will be

approved by the Commission prior to consideration of this request.² Request at 1, n.1. In that docket, the Postal Service proposes to segment Standard Mail parcels into two main categories: Marketing Parcels and Fulfillment Parcels. Current commercial and nonprofit Standard Mail Parcels would become Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels.³ The Postal Service does not propose to transfer nonprofit Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels. Request at 1, n.1. The Postal Service suggests that upon their transfer to the competitive product list, the Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels would be classified as a "Lightweight" subcategory of the Parcel Select product. *Id.* at 1. The minimum weight would be less than 16 ounces.⁴

As required by 39 CFR 3020.31 of the Commission's rules, a copy of Governors' Resolution No. 10-4 is included with the Request as Attachment A. Attachment B to the Request contains the Statement of Supporting Justification required by 39 CFR 3020.32 of the Commission's rules. Attachment C is the proposed draft MCS language and prices incorporating the language proposed in Docket No. R2010-4 as if already approved by the Commission with proposed additions and deletions for this Request.

The Postal Service summarizes the required Statement of Supporting Justification by noting that the current classification of parcels weighing less than one pound as market dominant products, and parcels weighing more than one pound as competitive products, produces a misalignment in the marketplace. Competitors make no such distinction and can offer seamless shipping options. The transfer would allow the Postal Service to offer similar comprehensive shipping solutions including contracts covering all parcels regardless of weight. *Id.* at 3.

The Postal Service's Statement of Supporting Justification offers an explanation why the transfer to the competitive product list will not result in violation of the standards in 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.*, Attachment B, at 1. The

² See Docket No. R2010-4, Exigent Request of the United States Postal Service, July 6, 2010.

³ As proposed in Docket No. R2010-4, current commercial and nonprofit Standard Mail NFMs would become Standard Mail Marketing Parcels. Because of addressing standards, some current customers using commercial Standard Mail NFMs for fulfillment would be required to use commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels. Request at 2-3.

⁴ *Id.*, Attachment C, Competitive Products, 2115.2, Size and Weight Limitations; see also *id.*, 2115.6 Prices, Machinable Lightweight Parcels (greater than 3.3 ounces) and Irregular Lightweight Parcels (3.3 ounces or less) and (greater than 3.3 ounces).

Postal Service notes that in FY 2009, commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels and other Standard Mail parcel categories had a collective cost coverage of 75.23 percent. It requests a 23.3 percent rate increase in Docket No. R2010-4 for Standard Mail parcel categories which, if approved, will yield a cost coverage in excess of 100 percent. Thus, it contends that commercial Standard Mail Parcels, if treated as a subcategory of Parcel Select, would satisfy 39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(1) and (2). *Id.* at 2.

The Statement of Supporting Justification seeks to demonstrate, pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.32(d), that the requested change does not propose to classify as competitive a product over which the Postal Service exercises sufficient market power that it can, without losing a significant level of business, set the price of the product substantially above costs, raise prices significantly, decrease quality, or decrease output. *Id.* at 3-7. The Statement of Justification also seeks to explain the limited extent Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels are either covered by the postal monopoly or within the scope of the exceptions or suspensions to the Private Express Statutes, noting that normally Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels cannot contain items required to be sent by First-Class Mail. The Postal Service indicates an intention to promulgate mailing standards in its Domestic Mail Manual limiting the inclusion of letters in any Lightweight Parcel Select parcel unless covered by an exception or suspension to the Private Express Statutes pursuant to 39 CFR parts 310 or 320. *Id.* at 7-9.

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3032(f), the Postal Service states that the primary competitors to its Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcel services are the ground shipping services offered by UPS and FedEx and that each have the flexibility to price parcel products to maximize profitability. *Id.* at 9. The Postal Service states there is likely a distortionary effect on the marketplace because Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels are priced below full cost coverage. Because of this market distortion, the "[Postal Service] has attempted to structure profitable contracts with large shippers for lightweight parcels but failed because its efforts were undercut by its own Standard Mail parcel prices." *Id.* at 10. The Postal Service claims the transfer should ameliorate any distortionary effect on the current pricing structure. *Id.* The Postal Service states that it is also losing full network First-Class Mail package volume where its competitors

¹ Request of the United States Postal Service to Transfer Commercial Standard Mail Parcels to the Competitive Product List, August 16, 2010 (Request).

offer products with the last mile service through the Postal Service. *Id.*

The Postal Service states that the views of those who use the product are mainly concerned that the transfer will lead to price increases. In response, the Postal Service claims prices will need to be increased even absent a transfer to the competitive product list. It further states that one large customer supports transfer which offers the possibility of contracts for the product. The Postal Service states the transfer will allow contracts for complete shipping solutions and create mutually beneficial comprehensive solutions for shipping needs. *Id.* at 11. The Postal Service is not aware of any small business that offers products competing with commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels. *Id.* at 11–12.

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2010–36 to consider the Postal Service's proposal to transfer commercial Standard Mail Fulfillment Parcels to the competitive product list.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filing in the captioned docket is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, and 39 CFR 3020 subpart B. Comments are due no later than September 17, 2010. Reply comments, if any, are due October 15, 2010. The Postal Service's filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints James Waclawski to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2010–36 for consideration of the matters raised in this docket.

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

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than September 17, 2010.

4. Reply comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than October 15, 2010.

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

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Notice of Computer-Matching Program (Railroad Retirement Board—Office of Personnel Management)

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

ACTION: Notice of a renewal of an existing computer-matching program that expired on August 13, 2010.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the RRB is issuing public notice of its renewal of an ongoing computer-matching program with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The purpose of this notice is to advise individuals applying for or receiving benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act of the use made by RRB of this information obtained from OPM by means of a computer match.

DATES: This matching program becomes effective as proposed without further notice on October 12, 2010. We will file a report of this computer-matching program with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives; and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this publication by writing to Ms. Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Timothy Grant, Chief Privacy Officer, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611–2092, telephone 312–751–4869 or e-mail at tim.grant@rrb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. General

The Computer-Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, (Pub. L. 100–503), amended by the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a) as amended, requires a Federal agency participating in a computer-matching program to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** for all matching programs.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer-matching by Federal agencies when records contained in a Privacy Act System of Records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer-matching programs to:

(1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;

(2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards (DIB) of the participating Federal agencies;

(3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;

(4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;

(5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and

(6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying a person's benefits or payments. The last notice for this matching program was published at 73 FR 2287–2288 (January 14, 2008).

B. RRB Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken appropriate action to ensure that all of our computer-matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

Notice of Computer-Matching Program, RRB With the Office of Personnel Management (OMB)

A. Name of Participating Agencies

OPM and RRB.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of the match is to enable the RRB to (1) identify affected RRB annuitants who are in receipt of a Federal public pension benefit but who have not reported receipt of this benefit to the RRB, and (2) receive needed Federal public pension benefit information for affected RRB annuitants more timely and accurately.

C. Authority for Conducting the Match

Sections 3(a)(1), 4(a)(1) and 4(f)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act, as amended, 45 U.S.C. 231b(a)(1), 231c(a)(1) and 231c(f)(1) require that the RRB reduce the Railroad Retirement benefits of certain beneficiaries entitled to Railroad Retirement employee and/or spouse/widow benefits who are also entitled to a government pension based on their own non-covered earnings. We call this reduction a Public Service Pension (PSP) offset.

Section 224 of the Social Security Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 424a, provides for the reduction of disability benefits when the disabled worker is also entitled to a public disability benefit (PDB). We call this a PDB offset. A civil service disability benefit is considered a PDB. Section 224(h)(1) requires any