

II. Background
III. Commission Action
IV. Ordering Paragraphs

I. Introduction

On January 29, 2021, the Postal Service filed a request, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3641(e)(2), for an exemption from the \$10 million annual revenue limitation for the Extended Mail Forwarding market test.¹ The Commission authorized the market test to begin on August 1, 2020, and to proceed until expiration on August 1, 2022.²

II. Background

The Postal Service states that “Extended Mail Forwarding is a customer-focused service that ensures customers receive mailpieces for which they are the intended recipient after they change addresses.” Request at 2. The purpose of the service is to allow “[i]ndividuals, families, and businesses exercise greater control over their mail forwarding expiration dates to better fit their needs, providing more time to communicate with their mailing contacts and update their information.”³ *Id.* The Postal Service states that it “initially introduced its test of Extended Mail Forwarding in nine postal districts: Alabama, Dakotas, Dallas, Northern New Jersey, Northland, Ohio Valley, Sacramento, San Diego, and Santa Ana. Given the strong results in those districts, on October 1, 2020, the Postal Service expanded the geographic scope of the market test nationwide, following its notice to the Commission on September 18, 2020.”⁴

Total revenues anticipated or received by the Postal Service from the Extended Mail Forwarding market test must not exceed \$10 million, as adjusted for inflation, in any year unless the Commission exempts the market test from that limit.⁴ If the Commission grants an exemption, total revenues anticipated or received by the Postal Service from Extended Mail Forwarding may not exceed \$50 million in any year, adjusted for inflation. 39 U.S.C.

¹ See United States Postal Service Request for Exemption from Dollar Amount Limitation, January 29, 2021 (Request).

² Order Authorizing Extended Mail Forwarding Market Test, July 20, 2020, at 2 (Order No. 5591).

³ *Id.* at 1. See United States Postal Service Notice of Material Change to Market Test, September 18, 2020.

⁴ See 39 U.S.C. 3641(e). The \$10 million annual limitation is adjusted by the change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U). *Id.* 3641(g). See also, 39 CFR 3045.15. The Commission rules provide the formula for adjusting the annual limitation, and the Commission publishes the resulting annual limitation on its website, www.prc.gov, under the reference section in the document titled “CPI Figures.”

3641(e)(2), (g). The Postal Service states that “it expects the market test to exceed the dollar limitation in the present quarter.” Request at 4.

The Commission’s regulations require the Postal Service to file cost and revenue information with its request for exemption. 39 CFR 3045.16(f). The Postal Service has submitted actual and expected costs and revenue for the market test. Request at 3. The Postal Service states that at the close of FY 2020, Quarter 4, the Extended Mail Forwarding market test, then limited to nine postal districts, received \$655,352.⁵ The Postal Service states that at the close of FY 2021, Quarter 1, the Extended Mail Forwarding market test, then expanded to a nationwide scope, received \$7,958,925.30, as shown in the quarterly data report filed with the Commission. Request at 3. The Postal Service states that the Quarterly Report for FY 2021, Quarter 1, indicates combined development and attributable costs for the market test through December 31, 2020 were \$504,897.65. *Id.*

The Postal Service is required to estimate the anticipated additional revenue for each fiscal year remaining on the market test. The Postal Service states that if market trends and customer adoption metrics reflected in the FY 2021 Quarter 1 data collection report continue through FY 2021, the Postal Service anticipates that it will collect \$31.8 million during FY 2021, well below the applicable \$60,139,860 annual limit if the exception request is granted. *Id.* The Postal Service expects a similar result for FY 2022, but the test is expected to run only through the third quarter of FY 2022, so that yearly revenue for FY 2022 is expected to be approximately one-fourth less than for FY 2021, unless customer adoption increases. *Id.*

The Commission shall approve the request for exemption if it determines that: (1) The product is likely to benefit the public and meet an expected demand; (2) the product is likely to contribute to the financial stability of the Postal Service; and (3) the product is unlikely to result in unfair or otherwise inappropriate competition. 39 U.S.C. 3641(e)(2). In its Request, the Postal Service discusses how the Extended Mail Forwarding market test benefits the public and meets an expected demand, contributes to the Postal Service’s financial stability, and

⁵ Request at 3; see Letter to Secretary Erica A. Barker Providing Extended Mail Forwarding Data Collection Report for FY 2020, Quarter 4, November 10, 2020.

is unlikely to result in unfair or inappropriate competition. Request at 2.

The Commission rules require exemption requests to be filed 45 days in advance of the date the Postal Service expects to exceed the limit. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service states that it received higher than expected results from Quarter 1 of FY 2021 and has proceeded expeditiously after receiving those results. *Id.*

III. Commission Action

The Commission invites comments on whether the Request complies with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, including 39 U.S.C. 3641, 39 CFR part 3045, and Order No. 5591. Comments are due no later than February 10, 2021. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s website (<http://www.prc.gov>).

39 U.S.C. 505 requires the Commission to designate an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in all public proceedings (Public Representative). The Commission previously appointed Richard A. Oliver to serve as the Public Representative in this proceeding. He remains appointed to serve as the Public Representative.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission invites comments on the United States Postal Service Request for Exemption from Dollar Amount Limitation on Market Test of Experimental Product-Extended Mail Forwarding, filed January 29, 2021.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Richard A. Oliver remains appointed to serve as the Public Representative in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons are due no later than February 10, 2021.

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

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2021-02568 Filed 2-8-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7710-FW-P

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2021-67 and CP2021-70]

New Postal Products

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: February 11, 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Contents

- I. Introduction
- II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

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.

1. Docket No(s).: MC2021-67 and CP2021-70; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 190 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: February 3, 2021; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; Public Representative: Christopher C. Mohr; Comments Due: February 11, 2021.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2021-02669 Filed 2-8-21; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7710-FW-P

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's

estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Student Beneficiary Monitoring; OMB 3220-0123.

Under provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), there are two types of benefit payments that are based on the status of a child being in full-time elementary or secondary school attendance at age 18–19: (1) A survivor child's annuity benefit under Section 2(d)(1)(iii) (45 U.S.C. 231a) and (2) an increase in the employee retirement annuity under the Special Guaranty computation as prescribed in Section 3(f)(2) (45 U.S.C. 231b) and 20 CFR 229.

The survivor student annuity is usually paid by direct deposit to a financial institution either into the student's checking or savings account or into a joint bank account with a parent. The requirements for eligibility as a student are prescribed in 20 CFR 216.74, and include students in independent study and home schooling.

To help determine if a child is entitled to student benefits, the RRB requires evidence of full-time school attendance. This evidence is acquired through the RRB's student monitoring program, which utilizes the following forms. Form G-315, Student Questionnaire, obtains certification of a student's full-time school attendance as well as information on the student's marital status, social security benefits, and employment, which are needed to determine entitlement or continued entitlement to benefits under the RRA. Form G-315A, Statement of School Official, is used to obtain, from a school, verification of a student's full-time attendance when the student fails to return a monitoring Form G-315. Form G-315A.1, School Official's Notice of Cessation of Full-Time School Attendance, is used by a school to notify the RRB that a student has ceased full-time school attendance. The RRB proposes no changes to Forms G-315, G-315A, or G-315A.1.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
G-315	860	15	215

¹ See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information,

June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).