document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Pamela Powers, Chief of Staff, Performing the Delegable Duties of the Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on April 14, 2020, for publication.

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For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Department of Veterans Affairs proposes to amend 38 CFR part 3 as set forth below:

PART 3—ADJUDICATION

Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. Revise § 3.306 paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 3.306 Aggravation of preservice disability.

(a) General. A preexisting injury or disease will be considered to have been aggravated by active military, naval, or air service when there is an increase in disability during such service. Except as otherwise noted in paragraph (b)(2)(c) in this section, service connection will only be warranted if the increase in disability is permanent and not attributable to the natural progress of the injury or disease. Temporary or intermittent flare-ups do not constitute an increase in disability unless the underlying injury or disease shows permanent worsening.

2. * * * *

(2) Baseline Level of Severity. VA will not concede that a nonservice-connected injury or disease was aggravated by a service-connected injury or disease unless the baseline level of severity of the nonservice-connected injury or disease is established by medical evidence created before the onset of aggravation or by the earliest medical evidence created at any time between the onset of aggravation and the receipt of medical evidence establishing the current level of severity of the nonservice connected injury or disease.

3. * * * *

(3) Extent of Aggravation. The rating activity will determine the baseline and current levels of severity under the Schedule for Rating Disabilities (38 CFR part 4) and determine the extent of aggravation by deducting the baseline level of severity, as well as any increase in severity due to the natural progress of the injury or disease, from the current level.

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 1110 and 1131)

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket No. RM2020–12; Order No. 5622]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission initiates an informal rulemaking proceeding to change how the Postal Service determines incremental costs and how it accounts for peak-season costs in its periodic reports. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: September 8, 2020.

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:
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I. Introduction

On August 5, 2020, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports. The Petition identifies the proposed analytical changes filed in this docket as Proposal Five.

II. Proposal Five

Background. Proposal Five relates to the Revenue Piece and Weight (RPW) reporting methodology for measuring the national totals of non-Negotiated Service Agreement (NSA) mailpieces in international outbound product categories bearing PC Postage indicia from postage evidencing systems. Petition, Proposal Five at 1. The international outbound products at issue include Priority Mail International (PMI) and First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS). Id.

Currently, the Postal Service uses several census sources in combination with statistical sampling estimates from the System for International Revenue and Volume, Outbound, and International Origin Destination Information System (SIRVO) to report the national totals of non-Negotiated mailpieces in outbound international product categories. Id. at 2. The Postal Service also filed a detailed assessment of the impact of the proposal on particular products in a non-public attachment accompanying this proposal.

Proposal. The Postal Service’s proposal seeks to replace the SIRVO sampling data used in the existing RPW reporting methodology for international

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outbound non-NSA parcel mail categories bearing PC Postage indicia with census data provided by reports from the Accounting Data Mart (ADM). Petition, Proposal Five at 4. The Postal Service notes that “[d]ata collection is always challenging in the fast-moving timeframe around mail arrival to U.S. International Service Centers and distribution to outbound international flights, which is when SIRVO tests are conducted.” Id. at 4. For this reason, “[u]ntended errors could occur in the sampling of mail, and in the recording of the data elements observed[,]” resulting in SIRVO point estimates with sampling errors that are not present in census data. Id.

Rationale and impact. The Postal Service states that the proposed methodology “provides a complete census source of transactional-level data for PC Postage international outbound mailpieces.” Id. at 4. The Postal Service contends that the proposed methodology will provide “equal or improved data quality.” Id. at 3. The Postal Service avers that the proposed methodology will result in “[t]he improved reporting of PC Postage non-contract revenue and volume both in terms of the level and measures of precision.” Id. at 6. Furthermore, the Postal Service argues that the proposed methodology “will also allow for more granularity in the underlying report data.” Id.

The Postal Service reports that its examination of potential changes suggests that the proposed methodology would directly affect two major international outbound mail categories: PMI and FCPIS. Id. at 5. Outbound PMI revenue would increase 2.3 percent and volume would decrease 5.8 percent. Id. FCPIS would experience revenue and volume changes of the “same general percentage magnitude as Outbound Priority Mail International, but in each instance in the opposite direction.” Id.

The Postal Service also notes indirect effects of the proposal which would occur when estimates of mail categories other than PMI and FCPIS are scaled to the remaining known dispatch weights. Id. Among those, Outbound First-Class Mail International revenue would decrease 4.8 percent and volume would decrease by 5.7 percent. Id. Additionally, U.S. Postal Service Mail, Free Mail, and International Ancillary Services would experience indirect effects on revenue and volume. Id. at 5–6. The Postal Service notes that ultimately, indirect effects of the proposal will be spread over other types of mail, not listed above. Id. at n.4. The Postal Service reports that “[o]verall, outbound international revenue and volume for Quarters 1 and 2 of FY 2020 would have been reduced by 0.3 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively.” Id. at 6 (footnote omitted).

III. Notice and Comment


IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than September 8, 2020.3

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Jennaca Upperman to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Removal of Control From Solvent Cleanup Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Missouri on January 15, 2019 and supplemented by letter on July 11, 2019. Missouri requests that the EPA remove a rule related to the control of emissions from solvent cleanup operations in the St. Louis, Missouri area from its SIP. This removal does not have an adverse effect on air quality. The EPA’s proposed approval of this rule revision is in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 13, 2020.


Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. Comments received will be posted without change to https://www.regulations.gov/, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the “Written Comments” heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Peter, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 Office, Air Permitting and Standards Branch, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219; telephone number: (913) 551–7397; email address: peter.david@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to the EPA.

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