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PRC Approves USPS Price Adjustments for Certain Market Dominant Products

Washington, DC – Today the Postal Regulatory Commission issued Order No. [2472](#) approving the Postal Service's price adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services. The prices are scheduled to take effect May 31, 2015. In Order Nos. [2378](#) and [2398](#), the Commission remanded the price adjustments for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services to the Postal Service for non-compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

In today's order, the Commission approves the Postal Service's revised price adjustments and classification changes, which now comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. In addition, the Commission directs the Postal Service to propose several methodologies relating to changes approved in Order No. 2472. The Commission approves several changes to workshare discounts and the Mail Classification Schedule in Order No. 2472, some of which necessitate the development of methodologies to be used in data reporting. The Commission directs the Postal Service to file the following within 90 days:

- The Postal Service is directed to file a proposed methodology for determining the costs avoided for the Presorted FSS workshare discounts.
- The Postal Service is directed to file a proposed methodology for determining the costs avoided for the 5-digit pallet presort Standard Mail Carrier Route flats workshare discount.
- The Postal Service is directed to file a proposed methodology for determining the bottom-up costs for the new Periodicals Mail Carrier Route bundle and container entry options.

The Commission's regulations require that the Postal Service use accepted analytical principles in its data reporting to the Commission. 39 C.F.R. part 3050.

The Commission's complete analyses of the Postal Service's Market Dominant price adjustments for fiscal year 2015 are located at www.prc.gov in Docket No. [R2015-4](#).

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