

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Docket No. ACR2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

(Issued January 20, 2010)

The Postal Service's continuing financial stability is the pivotal issue in this proceeding. Accordingly, Commission Information Request No. 1, issued concurrently herewith, requests the Postal Service to discuss its current plans to achieve financial stability for FY 2010 and beyond under the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA), Pub. L. 109-435, 120 Stat. 3198 (2006), to enable it to meet its principal responsibilities, including to bind the Nation together and to provide prompt, reliable, and efficient services to patrons in all areas. That response is due no later than January 29, 2010.

Interested persons may comment on those plans for financial stability in FY 2010 and beyond and may offer alternate means for achieving financial stability under the PAEA. Comments are due no later than February 5, 2010. The Postal Service will be afforded an opportunity to respond at the public forum discussed below.

To address this issue more fully, including as it may affect the Commission's findings under 39 U.S.C. § 3653, the Commission will convene a public forum on February 10, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room. The Commission will sit *en banc* with the Chairman presiding. The public forum will be webcast and transcribed. The public is encouraged to attend. Persons interested in speaking at the forum should file a notice of intent to participate briefly identifying, if possible, issues to be raised. Such notice is due no later than February 3, 2010. In a subsequent notice, the Commission will outline the format to be used at the forum.

The public forum is intended to afford interested stakeholders an opportunity to address issues related to the Postal Service's continuing financial stability. The forum will encourage active participation and raise issues for discussion to assist in framing the debate going forward and bearing directly on compliance issues in this proceeding.

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