

Press Release

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Docket established for USPS “Summer Sale” Rates Proposal

Washington, DC – The Postal Regulatory Commission today opened Docket R2009-3 to receive comments on a Standard Mail Volume Incentive Pricing Program filed by the U.S. Postal Service. The seasonal rates are scheduled to take effect on July 1 and run through September 30, 2009.

This change affects Standard Mail letter and flat prices. Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments may go to [Docket R2009-3](#) on the Commission’s website, www.prc.gov.

Commission rules require that action be taken within 45 days of receipt of the filing and permit a 20-day public comment period. The comment period allows the public to address the consistency of the new rates with statutory requirements. Within 14 days of the conclusion of the public comment period, the Commission will determine whether the planned rate adjustments are lawful and issue an order announcing its findings. A public representative will be appointed to represent the interest of the public in this proceeding.

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The Postal Regulatory Commission is an independent federal agency comprised of five Presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed Commissioners, each serving terms of six years. The Chairman is designated by the President. In addition to Chairman Blair, the other Commissioners are Vice Chairman Nanci Langley, Ruth Goldway, Tony Hammond, and Mark Acton.