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PRC Approves First USPS Market Test of an Experimental Product

Washington, DC – The Postal Regulatory Commission today approved a U.S. Postal Service proposal to market test a competitive, less-than-truckload, shipping service called Collaborative Logistics. “The Commission is pleased to see the Postal Service exercising its competitive flexibility under the law and looks forward to reviewing future experimental product market tests,” Chairman Blair said.

By statute, the Postal Service has two years to conduct the market test. The Postal Service is also directed to provide regular quarterly and annual reports detailing performance results as specified in the approving order.

In approving the test, the Commission noted its expectation that the Postal Service will provide more substantive supporting documentation in future market test proposals. The Commission’s determination is posted on its website, www.prc.gov, under [Order No. 211](#).

In a related matter, the Commission is currently considering proposed rules on market tests and expects to issue them for public comment in the near future.

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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.
