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Postal Regulatory Commission Calls for Public Comment on U.S. Postal Service Competitive Product Filings

Washington, DC – The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) today established Docket No. CP2008-1 and Docket CP2008-2 to receive comments on changes in rates of general applicability for two competitive products filed by the U.S. Postal Service on January 17, 2008. Both rate changes will also result in changes to the Mail Classification Schedule.

Docket CP2008-1 concerns the Postal Service's filing to have a new Priority Mail large-sized Flat Rate Box, and Docket CP2008-2 concerns the establishment of a premium for guaranteed delivery of Express Mail on Sunday and holidays.

Under the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA), the Postal Service may increase rates for competitive products after filing notice of the proposed change with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of change.

Comments from interested parties are due February 19, 2008, and rates will become effective March 3, 2008.

“These two filings represent the first changes in Competitive Products under the PAEA, and I am pleased that the Postal Service provided 45 days notice, more than required by law,” Chairman Blair said. “To accommodate these and future filings, the Commission has established a CP – or Competitive Products – Docket,” he explained.

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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 Ruth Goldway, Tony Hammond, and Mark Acton.

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Competitive Products Price Changes
Re Priority Mail Flat Rate Box

Docket No. CP2008-1

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY
FOR A COMPETITIVE PRODUCT

(Issued January 22, 2008)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3015.2, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission on January 17, 2008, concerning a change in rates of general applicability for a competitive product, namely, the establishment of prices for a Priority Mail large-sized Flat Rate Box. As required by the Commission's rules, § 3015.2(b), the filing includes an explanation and justification for the change, the effective date, and a schedule of the changed rates.¹

The establishment of prices for a Priority Mail large-sized flat rate box effects a change in the Mail Classification Schedule. As such, pursuant to subpart E of part 3020 of its rules, 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 *et seq.*, the Commission provides notice of the Postal Service's Filing, affording interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642.

Comments are due February 19, 2008.

The change in prices becomes effective March 3, 2008.

Steven W. Williams
Secretary

¹ See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Governors' Decision No. 08-1, January 17, 2008 (Filing). The Filing is available on the Commission's website, www.prc.gov, under Daily Listings for January 17, 2008. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service is obligated to publish the Governors' Decision and record of proceedings in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days before the effective date of the new rates or classes.

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Competitive Products Price Changes
Re Express Mail Service on Sundays
And Holidays

Docket No. CP2008-2

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY
FOR A COMPETITIVE PRODUCT

(Issued January 22, 2008)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3015.2, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission on January 17, 2008, concerning a change in rates of general applicability for a competitive product, namely, the establishment of a premium for guaranteed delivery of Express Mail on Sunday and holidays. As required by the Commission's rules, § 3015.2(b), the filing includes an explanation and justification for the change, the effective date, and a schedule of the changed rates.¹

The establishment of a premium for guaranteed delivery of Express Mail on Sundays and holidays effects a change in the Mail Classification Schedule. Therefore, pursuant to subpart E of part 3020 of its rules, 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 *et seq.*, the Commission provides notice of the Postal Service's Filing, affording interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are inconsistent with 39 U.S.C. § 3642.

Comments are due February 19, 2008.

The premium is effective March 3, 2008.

Steven W. Williams
Secretary

¹ See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Governors' Decision No. 08-2, January 17, 2008 (Filing). The Filing is available on the Commission's website, www.prc.gov, under Daily Listings for January 17, 2008. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service is obligated to publish the Governors' Decision and record of proceedings in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days before the effective date of the new rates or classes.