

the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*: MC2022–29 and CP2022–32; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Contract 732 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: December 6, 2021; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative*: Jennaca D. Upperman; *Comments Due*: December 14, 2021.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Orbital Debris Research and Development Interagency Working Group Listening Sessions

AGENCY: Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is organizing a series of virtual listening sessions to hear about ideas, issues, and potential solutions related to the problem of orbital debris from members of the public who have an interest or stake in orbital debris research and development. Perspectives gathered during the virtual listening sessions will inform the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Orbital Debris Research and Development Interagency Working Group (ODRAD IWG) as it develops a government-wide orbital debris implementation plan, examining R&D activities as well as other considerations such as policy levers, international engagements, and other ideas outside of R&D solutions that may help build a cohesive implementation strategy. The implementation plan is a continuation of work done for the *National Orbital Debris Research and Development Plan (January 2021)*, which was a response to *Space Policy Directive—3 (June 2018)*, directing the United States to lead the management of traffic and mitigate the effects of debris in space.

DATES:

1. *Orbital Debris Remediation:*

Thursday, December 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET

2. *Orbital Debris Mitigation:* Thursday, January 13, 2022, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET

Registration deadline:

Orbital Debris Remediation:

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET

Orbital Debris Mitigation: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 11:59 p.m. ET

ADDRESSES: Register for a virtual listening session using the session-specific links below:

1. *Debris Remediation:* ZOOMLINK Registration [Will be included]
2. *Debris Mitigation:* ZOOMLINK Registration [Will be included]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ezinne Uzo-Okoro at OrbitalDebris@ostp.eop.gov or by calling 202–456–4444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Orbital Debris Interagency Working Group has commenced the development

of an implementation plan to be released in 2022. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6622, OSTP is soliciting public input through these virtual listening sessions to obtain recommendations from a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from diverse industries, academia, other relevant organizations and institutions, and the general public. The public input provided in response to these virtual listening sessions will inform OSTP and NSTC as they work with Federal agencies and other stakeholders to develop an Orbital Debris implementation plan. This implementation plan builds on the Orbital Debris R&D plan published in January 2021.

Each listening session will be organized around a particular theme and audience, described below:

1. *Session on Debris Remediation:* Thursday, December 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.

Debris remediation is the active or passive manipulation of debris objects to reduce or eliminate the risk they pose to operational space assets. This may include fully removing debris from orbit, moving debris from orbits that pose a high risk to operational spacecraft into lower-risk orbits, and finding ways to repurpose or recycle existing debris. Debris remediation activities could substantially reduce the risk of debris impact in key orbital regimes. R&D priorities include: Develop remediation and repurposing technologies and techniques for large-debris objects; Develop remediation technologies and techniques for small-debris objects; Develop models for risk and cost-benefit analyses. The target audience includes companies interested in developing debris remediation services as a line of business, any entity that has an interest in being a customer for debris remediation services, and researchers performing pre-competitive R&D that supports debris remediation capabilities.

Participants are encouraged to consider potential R&D, policy, regulatory, and international partnership actions when answering the following questions.

- What is the role of government, private sector, and academia?
- What can the Federal government do to incentivize the development of debris remediation capabilities in industry?
- What are the anticipated costs and development timelines for developing debris remediation services?

2. *Session on Debris Mitigation:* Thursday, January 13, 2022, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET.

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

Limiting the creation of new debris through deliberate spacecraft and launch vehicle design choices may be the most cost-effective approach to managing new debris creation in orbit. Debris mitigation activities limit the creation of debris in key orbital regimes. Design choices could include improving the reliability of critical spacecraft subsystems, such as power and propulsion, improving passivation techniques, selecting spacecraft materials that can withstand impacts, enhanced shielding, and developing cost-effective solutions to improve maneuverability and end-of-life safe modes. We invite ideas for U.S. government actions to mitigate debris creation from the public including expert stakeholders in academia and industry. Actions could focus on buying down the risk and cost to implement new technologies to limit the creation of new debris, or even on incentives for implementing proven technologies for debris mitigation. Participants are encouraged to consider potential R&D, policy, regulatory, and international partnership actions when answering the following questions:

- What is the role of government, private sector, and academia in developing debris mitigation solutions?
- What specific actions, R&D or policy, could the government take to limit the creation of new debris on-orbit?
- What actions to limit debris creation are well understood, but require satellite or launch vehicle owners/operators to be educated or incentivized to implement?

Speakers will have 2 to 3 minutes each to make a comment. As many speakers will be accommodated as the scheduled time allows.

Staff from the IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute will facilitate the meeting, which will be recorded for use by the Interagency Working Group. Participation in a listening session will imply consent to capture participant's names, voices, and likenesses. Anything said may be recorded and transcribed for use by the Interagency Working Group and publicly released and attributed to specific participants. Moderators will manage the discussion and order of remarks.

Individuals unable to attend the listening sessions or who would like to provide more detailed information may submit written comments to the *Request for Comment (RFC) on the Orbital Debris Research and Development Plan* that was published in the **Federal**

Register [86 FR 61335, November 5, 2021]

Dated: December 7, 2021.

Stacy Murphy,

Operations Manager.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Remove Mutual Fund Deposit Requirements and Remove Certain Other Provisions Relating to Clearing Fund Requirements for Limited Members From the NSCC Rules

December 6, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2021, National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the clearing agency. NSCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)³ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(4)⁴ of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) The proposed rule change of National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") is annexed hereto as Exhibit 5 and consists of modifications to NSCC's Rules & Procedures (the "Rules")⁵ to remove the requirement that Members and Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members pay a Mutual Fund Deposit into the Clearing Fund relating to Mutual Fund Services, remove provisions relating to the Mutual Fund Deposit and the Insurance Deposit and remove a provision relating

to establishing a Clearing Fund requirement for NSCC Members⁶ that currently do not have a Clearing Fund requirement. The proposed changes are described in greater detail below.

II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The proposed rule change consists of modifications the Rules to remove the requirement that Members and Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members pay a Mutual Fund Deposit into the Clearing Fund relating to Mutual Fund Services, remove provisions relating to the Mutual Fund Deposit and the Insurance Deposit and remove a provision relating to establishing a Clearing Fund requirement for NSCC Members that currently do not have a Clearing Fund requirement. The proposed changes are described in greater detail below.

(i) Mutual Fund Deposit

As part of its market risk management strategy, NSCC manages its credit exposure to NSCC Members by determining the appropriate deposits to the Clearing Fund and monitoring Clearing Fund's sufficiency, as provided for in the Rules.⁷ The deposits to the Clearing Fund serves as each NSCC Member's margin. The objective of an NSCC Member's deposit is to mitigate potential losses to NSCC associated with a default by an NSCC Member. Pursuant to the Rules, each NSCC Member's Clearing Fund deposit amount consists of a number of applicable components, each of which is calculated to address specific risks faced by NSCC, as

⁶ Members and Limited Members are collectively referred to herein as "NSCC Members".

⁷ See Rule 4 (Clearing Fund) and Procedure XV (Clearing Fund Formula and Other Matters) ("Procedure XV"), *supra* note 5. NSCC's market risk management strategy is designed to comply with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(4) under the Act, where these risks are referred to as "credit risks." 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(4).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

⁵ Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the Rules, available at https://dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/nscc_rules.pdf.