

market characteristics. *Id.* at 6. It also notes that Global Plus 1C is distinct from Global Plus 1B due to the addition of Global Express Guaranteed and Commercial ePacket. *Id.* at 7. This distinction is reflected in a minor classification change and in the financial models. *Id.*

Other supporting material. The Postal Service has filed the two Global Plus 1C contracts and certain other material under seal. Attachment 1 to the Notice is an application for non-public treatment of that material. Attachments 2 through 4 include redacted versions of two pertinent Governors' Decisions; revised Mail Classification Schedule language; certifications and a related statement required under Commission rules; and redacted versions of the contracts.

Postal Service representations. The Postal Service asserts that its filing establishes that the new Global Plus 1C contracts are in compliance with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633; fit within the proposed MCS language for Global Plus Contracts based on the controlling Governors' Decisions; and are functionally equivalent to each other.⁴ It therefore requests that Global Plus 1C be added to the competitive product list; that the contracts included in this filing be included within the Global Plus 1C product; and that these contracts be considered the baseline agreements for future functionally equivalency analyses for the Global Plus 1C product. *Id.* at 9.

Initial Commission action. The Commission establishes three related dockets, designated as Docket Nos. MC2012–6, CP2012–12, and CP2012–13, to consider matters raised in the Notice. The Commission strongly encourages those interested in the Postal Service's proposal to review the filing in its entirety. Public portions of the Postal Service's filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site, www.prc.gov. Commission rule 3007.40 (39 CFR 3007.40) addresses procedures for obtaining access to non-public information. Interested persons may submit comments on whether addition of the new product is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632 or 3633 and 39 CFR part 3015. Comments are due no later than January 17, 2012.

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in the captioned filings.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2012–6, CP2012–12, and CP2012–13 to consider matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than January 17, 2012.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as the officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A2012–105; Order No. 1110]

Post Office Closing

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Hope, Minnesota post office has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service, petitioners, and others to take appropriate action.

DATES: February 1, 2012, 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time: Deadline for Petitioner's Form 61; February 21, 2012, 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time: Deadline for answering brief in support of the Postal Service. See the Procedural Schedule in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for other dates of interest.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by accessing the "Filing Online" link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at (202) 789–6820 (case-related information) or DocketAdmins@prc.gov (electronic filing assistance).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Hope post office in Hope, Minnesota. The first petition for review received December 28, 2011, was filed by Ed Nelson. The second petition for review received December 28, 2011, was filed by Marcia Dahle. The earliest postmark date is December 16, 2011. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and establishes Docket No. A2012–105 to consider Petitioners' appeal. If Petitioners would like to further explain their position with supplemental information or facts, Petitioners may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission no later than February 1, 2012.

Notwithstanding the Postal Service's determination to close this post office, on December 15, 2011, the Postal Service advised the Commission that it "will delay the closing or consolidation of any Post Office until May 15, 2012."¹ The Postal Service further indicated that it "will proceed with the discontinuance process for any Post Office in which a Final Determination was already posted as of December 12, 2011, including all pending appeals." *Id.* It stated that the only "Post Offices" subject to closing prior to May 16, 2012, are those that were not in operation on, and for which a Final Determination was posted as of, December 12, 2011. It affirmed that it "will not close or consolidate any other Post Office prior to May 16, 2012." *Id.* at 2. Lastly, the Postal Service requested the Commission "to continue adjudicating appeals as provided in the 120-day decisional schedule for each proceeding." *Id.*

The Postal Service's Notice outlines the parameters of its newly announced discontinuance policy. Pursuant to the Postal Service's request, the Commission will fulfill its appellate responsibilities under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5).

Categories of issues apparently raised. Petitioners contend that the Postal Service failed to consider the effect of the closing on the community (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(i)).

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above, or that the

⁴ Governors' Decision No. 08–8 authorizes Global Plus 1 contracts. Governors' Decision No. 11–6 authorizes Postal Service management to prepare any necessary product description, including Mail Classification Schedule text, and to present such description to the Commission.

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Status of the Moratorium on Post Office Discontinuance Actions, December 15, 2011, (Notice).

Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues. The deadline for the Postal Service to file the applicable administrative record with the Commission is January 12, 2012. *See* 39 CFR 3001.113. In addition, the due date for any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this Notice is January 12, 2012.

Availability; Web site posting. The Commission has posted the appeal and supporting material on its Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Additional filings in this case and participant's submissions also will be posted on the Web site, if provided in electronic format or amenable to conversion, and not subject to a valid protective order. Information on how to use the Commission's Web site is available online or by contacting the Commission's webmaster via telephone at (202) 789-6873 or via electronic mail at prc-webmaster@prc.gov.

The appeal and all related documents are also available for public inspection in the Commission's docket section. Docket section hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except on Federal government holidays. Docket section personnel may be contacted via electronic mail at prc-dockets@prc.gov or via telephone at (202) 789-6846.

Filing of documents. All filings of documents in this case shall be made

using the Internet (Filing Online) pursuant to Commission rules 9(a) and 10(a) at the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained. *See* 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a). Instructions for obtaining an account to file documents online may be found on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, or by contacting the Commission's docket section at prc-dockets@prc.gov or via telephone at (202) 789-6846.

Commission reserves the right to redact personal information which may infringe on an individual's privacy rights from documents filed in this proceeding.

Intervention. Persons, other than the Petitioners and respondents, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention. *See* 39 CFR 3001.111(b). Notices of intervention in this case are to be filed on or before January 31, 2012. A notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. *See* 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a).

Further procedures. By statute, the Commission is required to issue its decision within 120 days from the date it receives the appeal. *See* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5). A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this

statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit information or memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. As required by Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. *See* 39 CFR 3001.21.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service shall file the applicable administrative record regarding this appeal no later than January 12, 2012.

2. Any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this notice is due no later than January 12, 2012.

3. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.

4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Brent W. Peckham is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order and Procedural Schedule in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.
Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

December 28, 2011	Filing of Appeal.
January 12, 2012	Deadline for the Postal Service to file the applicable administrative record in this appeal.
January 12, 2012	Deadline for the Postal Service to file any responsive pleading.
January 31, 2012	Deadline for notices to intervene (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.111(b)).
February 1, 2012	Deadline for Petitioners' Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)).
February 21, 2012	Deadline for answering brief in support of the Postal Service (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(c)).
March 7, 2012	Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(d)).
March 14, 2012	Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings (<i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.116).
April 13, 2012	Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (<i>see</i> 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)).

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rule 15c1-5, SEC File No. 270-422, OMB Control No. 3235-0471.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 15c1-5 (17 CFR 240.15c1-5) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 15c1-5 states that any broker-dealer controlled by, controlling, or under common control with the issuer of a security that the broker-dealer is trying to sell to or buy from a customer must give the customer written

notification disclosing the control relationship at or before completion of the transaction. The Commission estimates that 241 respondents collect information annually under Rule 15c1-5 and that each respondent would spend approximately 10 hours per year collecting this information (2,410 hours in aggregate). There is no retention period requirement under Rule 15c1-5. This Rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information