

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel will rule on the request(s) and/or petition(s), and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order. In the event that no request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission may, upon completion of its evaluations and upon making the findings required under 10 CFR parts 51 and 54, renew the licenses without further notice.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth, with particularity, the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, taking into consideration the limited scope of matters that may be considered pursuant to 10 CFR parts 51 and 54. The petition must specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding, (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding, and (3) the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition must also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the board up to 15 days before the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days before the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene that must include a list of the contentions that the petitioner seeks to have litigated in the hearing. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of each contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or the expert opinion that supports the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. The petitioner must

provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the action under consideration. The contention must be one that, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement that satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. Because of the continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that petitions for leave to intervene and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov. A copy of the request for leave to intervene and request for hearing should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and because of continuing disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to Dr. Robert C. Mcredy, Vice President, Nuclear Operations, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, 89 East Avenue, Rochester, New York 14649.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions, and/or requests for a hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer, or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

Detailed information about the license renewal process can be found on the Commission's Web page at <http://www.nrc.gov>. A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/ginna.html>, while the application is under review. The staff has verified that a copy of the license renewal application for the R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Station is also available to local residents at the Rochester Public Library in Rochester, New York, and at the Ontario Public Library in Ontario, New York.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of September, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Pao-Tsin Kuo,

Program Director, License renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2002-2; Order No. 1346]

Experimental Mail Classification Case

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice and order on new experimental docket.

SUMMARY: This document establishes a docket for consideration of a proposed three-year experiment. The experiment, if approved, would implement a negotiated service agreement between the Postal Service and Capital One Services, Inc. The proposed terms entail certain discounts and fee waivers for qualifying Capital One First-Class mailings. This document briefly reviews the proposal, sets initial procedural deadlines, and identifies other Commission actions related to the proposal.

DATES:

1. September 19, 2002: request filed with Commission.

2. September 24, 2002: issuance of Commission notice and order (no. 1346).

3. October 17, 2002: deadline for notices of intervention, comments on application of experimental rules, and responses to various motions.

4. October 23, 2002: prehearing conference (10 a.m.).

5. October 17, 2002: deadline for filing notices of intervention, comments on application of experimental rules, and answers to various motions; October 23, 2002 (10 a.m.): prehearing conference.

ADDRESSES: Send correspondence to the attention of Steven W. Williams, Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 19, 2002, the United States Postal Service filed a request with the Postal Rate Commission for a recommended decision on a proposed three-year experimental classification change, and related discounts and fee waivers, for qualifying First-Class mailings entered by Capital One Services, Inc. ("Capital One"). Request of the United States Postal Service for a recommended decision on classification, rates and fees for Capital One Services, Inc. negotiated service agreement ("request"). The Service's request was filed pursuant to chapter 36 of the Postal Reorganization Act, 39 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.* It was accompanied by a contemporaneous motion seeking waiver of certain requirements of rules 54 and 64; by a motion for joint sponsorship of the proposed changes by the Postal Service and Capital One; and by a notice of the filing of a Postal Service library reference, USPS-LR-1. All these documents are available for physical inspection in the Commission's docket section during regular business hours, and for Internet access on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov> within the search field "Docket No. MC2002-2."

Simultaneous Filings by Capital One

On the same date, Capital One filed a petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding initiated by the Postal Service's request, and to join the Service in its motion for joint sponsorship of the proposed rate and service changes. In addition to requesting that it be granted the status of a full participant under rule 20 at the outset of this proceeding, Capital One seeks leave to present testimony in support of the Postal Service's request, and submits the prepared direct testimony of two witnesses.

Brief Description of Joint Proposal

The Postal Service proposes rate and service changes that would be available for certain forms of high-volume First-Class mail use in order to implement the

terms of a contract negotiated between the Service and Capital One. Under that contract, which is appended as attachment G to the request, the Postal Service and Capital One would observe reciprocal requirements, conditions, and conduct that would support alterations in the rates and fees of specified services available to Capital One—specifically, mailings of certain categories of First-Class Mail and optional use of address correction service.

Under the proposed changes, Capital One would be eligible for new incremental per-piece discounts for certain of its First-Class Mail solicitation and customer correspondence volume. Beyond an overall annual volume threshold, these discounts would vary under a "declining block" rate structure, with discounts increasing as specified levels of volume are exceeded. If Capitol One enters 750 million eligible pieces of First-Class Mail during the first year after implementation, electronic address correction service would also be provided by the Postal Service without fee to Capitol One's solicitations entered as First-Class Mail when such pieces prove to be undeliverable as addressed and cannot be forwarded under existing regulations. In return, Capital One would agree to forgo its current practice of receiving free return of such undeliverable mail, which is an existing service feature of First-Class Mail. Additionally, Capital One would be required to perform specific actions to maintain and improve the address quality of mail it enters as First-Class Mail.

Rationale for Filing the Joint Proposal

The Postal Service states that adoption of the rate and classification changes proposed in its request will allow it and the Commission to test the effectiveness of the negotiated service agreement ("NSA") approach, as a means of providing pricing flexibility under the Postal Reorganization Act's existing ratemaking and mail classification provisions. The Service states that agreements similar to NSAs have been successfully employed to set prices in other regulated industries, by foreign postal administrations, and by the Postal Service with its international customers. Request at 2-3.

With respect to the particular changes negotiated between the Postal Service and Capital One, the Service anticipates that they will lead to a net reduction in its costs related to handling of forwarded and returned mail. In addition, the changes are expected to enable Capital One to reduce its postage costs. More broadly, if volume

conditions are met, the Service states that it expects the revenue effects to result ultimately in a reduction in other mailers' proportional contribution to the Service's institutional costs. *Id.* at 2.

Significance of Experimental Designation

The Postal Service states that it believes it would be appropriate for the Commission to review and recommend the operative rate and classification elements of its NSA-based proposal as an experimental classification, under the expedited rules of practice and procedure for experimental changes in 39 CFR 3001.67-3001.67. These rules provide for issuance of the Commission's recommended decision within 150 days of the filing of the Postal Service's request, or of the Commission's determination that experimental treatment of the proposal is appropriate, whichever occurs later. 39 CFR 3001.67d.

In support of this treatment, the Service asserts that the substance of its request is innovative, and thus is consistent with the purpose of the experimental rules. Request at 3-4. According to the Service, the minor impact, limited scope of application, and proposed three-year duration of the requested changes conform to the logic of the experimental approach. *Id.* at 4. The Service further argues that the Commission's specialized procedures for considering experimental classifications are sufficiently comprehensive to provide for the exploration and resolution of whatever factual and legal issues might be raised regarding the proposals. *Id.* at 5. Finally, the Postal Service claims that the prospects for generating data and information documenting the effects of the proposed changes warrant adopting an experimental approach.¹ *Id.* at 4.

Motion for Waiver of Certain Commission Rules

In its waiver motion, the Postal Service states that it has supplemented information it developed specifically for this filing by incorporating documentation it submitted in connection with the most recently concluded omnibus rate proceeding, docket no. R2001-1. Motion of United States Postal Service for Waiver, September 19, 2002. The Service argues that this is a reasonable and sufficient approach to satisfying the filing requirements of sections 54, 64, and 67

¹ The Postal Service's plan for collecting and reporting data associated with the implementation of the proposed changes is described in the testimony of witness Michael K. Plunkett, USPS-T-2.

of the rules, in that the Capital One NSA experiment would not materially alter the rates, fees, and classifications proposed and adopted in the R2001-1 proceeding. In assessing compliance with the applicable filing requirements, the Service claims that substantial weight should be given to the nature of the proposed changes, and their negligible impact on physical attributes of mail and limited impact on costs, volumes, and revenues. However, should the Commission conclude that the materials imported from docket no. R2001-1 are insufficient, and that strict construction of the rules regarding information pertaining to other mail categories and special services would require newly-developed testimony reflecting the changes proposed in the request, the Service moves that those requirements be waived.

Appropriate Procedures at the Outset of This Case

The character of the request before the Commission is novel, in that the rate and mail classification changes proposed therein were arrived at bilaterally, through a process of negotiation. Thus, unlike typical rate and mail classification proposals submitted by the Postal Service, the Capital One negotiated service agreement evidently has two independent but contractually-linked proponents.

In view of this unique origin, the Commission is inclined to initiate its review of the request on the terms jointly advanced by the Postal Service and Capital One. As the Service notes in its motion for joint sponsorship, the proposed changes are mutually advantageous to the Service and Capital One, and are based on information provided by both parties. The Service's motion, and Capital One's petition, indicate that both parties are prepared to submit and defend their affirmative cases-in-chief at the outset of the case. Under these circumstances, although the rules of practice do not explicitly provide for this order of presentation, the Commission concludes that the proposed procedures would serve the interests of efficiency and economy in conducting the proceeding. Additionally, to the extent that other participants will be able to examine the evidence proffered by Capital One at an earlier stage of the proceeding, the proposed procedures would enhance its fairness. Accordingly, the Commission shall grant Capital One's petition to intervene at the outset and join the Postal Service's motion for joint sponsorship; grant the Service's and Capital One's joint motion for joint

sponsorship of the request's proposed changes; and grant the Service's motion for leave to rely on Capital One's case-in-chief. However, other participants may submit responses to these motions if they so desire, and their grant is subject to reconsideration, should another participant lodge any objection in its answer.

Appropriateness of Proceeding Under the Experimental Rules

As noted earlier, the Postal Service asks that the Commission consider its request under Commission rules 67-67d. As provided in rule 67, in determining whether these procedures are appropriate, the Commission will consider the proposed change's novelty, magnitude, the ease or difficulty of collecting data, and proposed duration.

Participants are invited to comment on whether the Postal Service's request should be evaluated under rules 67-67d. Comments are due on or before October 17, 2002, and participants should be prepared to discuss relevant issues at the prehearing conference.

Pending a determination on this issue, participants should recognize that the motion seeking application of the experimental rules may, or may not, be granted. The experimental rules provide that cases falling within this designation shall be treated as subject to the maximum expedition consistent with procedural fairness, and that participants will be expected to identify genuine issues of material fact at an early stage in this case. See rule 67a(b). The schedule ultimately adopted in appropriate cases is established to allow for issuance of a decision not more than 150 days following a determination regarding the appropriateness of applying the experimental rules or the filing of the request, whichever occurs later. 39 CFR 3001.67d. However, rule 67 states that the Commission reserves the right, in appropriate cases, to require that the procedures normally prescribed for non-experimental cases under 39 U.S.C. 3623 be used for a request that the Postal Service has submitted as a proposed experiment.

Other Matters

Limitation of issues. Rule 67a provides a procedure for limiting issues in experimental cases. To enable participants to evaluate whether genuine issues of fact exist, the proponents—i.e., both the Postal Service and Capital One—shall respond to discovery requests within 10 days. Written discovery pursuant to rules 25-28 may be undertaken upon intervention.

Need for hearing. A decision on whether there is a need for evidentiary hearings, and the scope of any such hearings, has not been made. Comments on this matter, and other procedural issues raised by the Service's request, should be filed no later than October 17, 2002, and participants should be prepared to discuss these matters at the prehearing conference.

Representation of the general public. In conformance with § 3624(a) of title 39, the Commission designates Shelley S. Dreifuss, director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. Pursuant to this designation, Ms. Dreifuss will direct the activities of Commission personnel assigned to assist her and, upon request, will supply their names for the record. Neither Ms. Dreifuss nor any of the assigned personnel will participate in or provide advice on any Commission decision in this proceeding. The OCA shall be separately served with three copies of all filings, in addition to and at the same time as, service on the Commission of the 24 copies required by Commission rule 10(d) [39 CFR 3001.10(d)].

Intervention. Those wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a written notice of intervention with Steven W. Williams, Secretary of the Commission, 1333 H Street NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20268-0001, on or before October 17, 2002. Notices should indicate whether participation will be on a full or limited basis. See 39 CFR 3001.20 and 3001.20a.

Prehearing conference. A prehearing conference will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at 10 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room.

Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2002-2, Experimental Rate and Service Changes to Implement Negotiated Service Agreement with Capital One Services, Inc., to consider the request referred to in the body of this order.

2. The motion of United States Postal Service for joint sponsorship of proposals and for leave to rely on Capital One's case-in-chief, filed September 19, 2002, is granted, subject to reconsideration in response to any objection lodged by other participants in this proceeding.

3. The petition of Capital One Services, Inc. for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, and to join United States Postal Service motion for joint sponsorship of proposals, filed

September 19, 2002, is granted, subject to reconsideration in response to any objection lodged by other participants in this proceeding.

4. The Commission will sit en banc in this proceeding.

5. The deadline for filing notices of intervention and comments regarding the appropriateness of proceeding under rules 67 through 67d is October 17, 2002.

6. Answers to the Service's motion for waiver of certain filing requirements, to its motion for joint sponsorship of proposals, and to Capital One's motion for leave to intervene and jointly sponsor the proposals are due no later than October 17, 2002.

7. Written discovery pursuant to rules 26–28 may be undertaken upon intervention.

8. The Postal Service and Capital One Services, Inc. shall respond to discovery requests within 10 days.

9. A prehearing conference will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at 10 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room.

10. Shelley S. Dreifuss, director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate, is designated to represent the interests of the general public.

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

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams,

Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 1 p.m., Monday, October 7, 2002; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2002.

PLACE: Memphis, Tennessee, at the Peabody Hotel, 149 Union Avenue, in the Continental Ballroom.

STATUS: October 7—1 p.m. (Closed); October 8—8:30 a.m. (Open).

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, October 7—1 p.m. (Closed)

1. Financial Performance.
2. Biohazard Detection System.
3. Strategic Planning.
4. Personnel Matters and Compensation Issues.

Tuesday, October 8—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, September 5–6, 2002.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General and CEO.

3. Board of Governors Calendar Year 2003 Meeting Schedule.

4. Office of the Governors Fiscal Year 2003 Budget.

5. Report on the FedEx Network.

6. Report on the Tennessee District.

7. Tentative Agenda for the November 4–5, 2002, meeting in Washington, DC

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William T. Johnstone, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260–1000. Telephone (202) 268–4800.

William T. Johnstone,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS

ANNOUNCEMENT: [67 FR 59322, September 20, 2002].

STATUS: Closed Meeting.

PLACE: 450 Fifth Street, NEW., Washington, DC.

DATE AND TIME OF PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED

MEETING: Tuesday, September 24, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: Additional Meeting.

An additional Closed Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at 10:15 a.m. The subject matter of the September 25, 2002 Closed Meeting was: Adjudicatory matter.

Commissioner Campos, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 942–7070.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–46519; File No. SR–CBOE–2002–46]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc., Relating to Its AutoQuote Triggered Ebook Execution System

September 20, 2002.

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 August 21, 2002, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (“CBOE” or “Exchange”), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the CBOE. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend its “Trigger” rule (Rule 6.8(d)(v)) to provide that the Trigger Volume shall be set at a size not to exceed the RAES eligible order size for the particular series of options, and that the appropriate Floor Procedure Committee shall be responsible for setting the Trigger Volume. Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is *italicized*. Proposed deletions are in [brackets].

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Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc.

Rules

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Chapter VI—Doing Business on the Exchange Floor

Section A: General

RAES Operations

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Rule 6.8 (a)—(c) No change.
(d) Execution on RAES
(i)—(iv) No change.

(v) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (d)(iv), for classes of options as determined by the appropriate Floor Procedure Committee, for any series of options where the bid or offer generated by the Exchange's Autoquote system (or any Exchange approved proprietary

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1)

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.