

(PRA-95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, the reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, the collection instruments are clearly understood, and OSHA's estimate of the information collection burden is accurate. OSHA is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection requirements contained in the series of regulations establishing requirements for the submission, initial approval, continuing approval, final approval, monitoring, and evaluation of OSHA-approved State Plans:

- 29 CFR part 1902, State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of State Standards;
- 29 CFR part 1953, Changes to State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of State Standards;
- 29 CFR part 1954, Procedures for the Evaluation and Monitoring of Approved State Plans; and
- 29 CFR part 1956, State Plans for the Development and Enforcement of State Standards Applicable to State and Local Government Employees in States Without Approved Private Employee Plans.

Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (29 U.S.C. 667) offers an opportunity to the states to assume responsibility for the development and enforcement of state standards through the mechanism of an OSHA-approved State Plan. Absent an approved plan, states are precluded from enforcing occupational safety and health standards in the private sector with respect to any issue for which Federal OSHA has promulgated a standard. Once approved and operational, the state adopts standards and provides most occupational safety and health enforcement and compliance assistance in the state under the authority of its plan, instead of Federal OSHA. States also must extend their jurisdiction to cover state and local government employees and may obtain approval of State Plans limited in scope to these workers. To obtain and maintain State Plan approval, a state must submit various documents to OSHA describing program structure and operation, including any modifications thereto as they occur, in accordance with the identified regulations. OSHA funds 50 percent of the costs required to be incurred by an approved State Plan, with the state at least matching and providing additional funding at its discretion.

II. Special Issues for Comment

OSHA has a particular interest in comments on the following issues:

- Whether the proposed information collection requirements are necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions to protect workers, including whether the information is useful;
- The accuracy of OSHA's estimate of the burden (time and costs) of the information collection requirements, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden on employers who must comply; for example, by using automated or other technological information, and transmission techniques.

III. Proposed Actions

OSHA is requesting that OMB extend the approval of the information collection requirements contained in Occupational Safety and Health State Plans.

The agency is requesting an adjustment increase to adjust the number of burden hours associated with the developmental steps necessary for certain states in the developmental process, including Maine, Massachusetts and Illinois. In addition, the number of Complaints About State Program Administration (CASPs) and State Plan Changes were modified to depict more realistically the current trends in these numbers. As a result, the total burden hours have increased from 11,055 to 11,370 (an increase of 315 burden hours).

OSHA will summarize the comments submitted in response to this notice and will include this summary in the request to OMB to extend the approval of the information collection requirements.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved data collection.

Title: Occupational Safety and Health State Plans.

OMB Control Number: 1218-0247.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal, Governments.

Number of Respondents: 29.

Number of Responses: 1,299.

Frequency of Responses: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually.

Average Time per Response: Varies.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 11,370.

Estimated Cost (Operation and Maintenance): \$0.

IV. Public Participation—Submission of Comments on This Notice and Internet Access to Comments and Submissions

You may submit comments in response to this document as follows: (1) electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>,

which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal; or (2) by facsimile (fax), if your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at 202-693-1648. All comments, attachments, and other material must identify the agency name and the OSHA docket number for the ICR (OSHA-2011-0197). You may supplement electronic submission by uploading document files electronically.

Comments and submissions are posted without change at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions commenters about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and dates of birth. Although all submissions are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from this website. All submission, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Information on using the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments and access the docket is available at the website's "User Tips" link. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350, (TTY) (877) 889-5627 for information about materials not available from the website, and for assistance in using the internet to locate docket submissions.

V. Authority and Signature

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393).

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 26, 2024.

James S. Frederick,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. N2024-1; Order No. 8167]

Service Standard Changes

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recently-filed Postal Service request for an advisory opinion regarding planned changes to its processing and transportation networks.

This document invites public comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

DATES: *Notice of intent to file a rebuttal:* November 22, 2024; *Hearing:* December 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Virtual.

ADDRESSES: Submit notices electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Persons interested in intervening who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

On November 24, 2024, Douglas F. Carlson filed, and on November 25, 2024, the Commission docketed, a Motion for Late Acceptance of Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Case ¹ and corresponding Notice of Intent to File a Rebuttal Case.² On November 25, 2024, the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) filed a Motion for Late Acceptance of Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Testimony³ and corresponding Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Testimony.⁴ These motions are granted. In addition, the Commission provides notice of the hearing, sets hearing procedures, modifies the deadline for registration for the hearing, and adjusts the procedural schedule.

II. The Motions for Late Acceptance

Mr. Carlson requests that the Commission excuse his failure to timely file his notice because the procedural schedule listed on the Commission's website differed from those set by order. Carlson Motion at 1–2. The Commission recognizes that the information previously presented on the procedural schedule on the website conflicted with the deadlines set forth in Order No.

7695⁵ and Order No. 7998.⁶ The Commission further recognizes that in Order No. 7998, the Commission unilaterally modified the procedural schedule by moving a deadline up to better support the in-person hearing in this proceeding. Order No. 7998 at 2. Therefore, the Commission grants Mr. Carlson's motion.

APWU similarly states that its filing was delayed because it relied on the procedural schedule set forth in Order No. 7695. APWU Motion at 1. For the reasons expressed above, the Commission also grants the APWU Motion.

The Commission is acting expeditiously on these motions because of the pending holiday and the fact that the hearing is 4 business days from today. The Postal Service will be permitted to conduct discovery and written cross-examination on Mr. Carlson's and APWU's rebuttal testimony. The Postal Service may request oral cross-examination but must provide justification for the request.

III. Notice of Hearing, Scheduling Witnesses, Excusing Witnesses, Setting Hearing Procedures, and Adjusting Procedural Schedule

Additionally, although the Commission previously stated that hearings with a rebuttal case would occur December 11 to 13, 2024,⁷ given Mr. Carlson's indication that he cannot appear in person at the hearings, the Commission hereby gives notice that a hearing on the Postal Service's direct case in the above-captioned docket shall commence at 10 a.m. ET on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Pursuant to Order No. 7998, the hearing will be conducted in person at 901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268. The hearing shall be available by livestream at www.youtube.com/thepostalregulatorycommiss9709.⁸

Furthermore, the Commission modifies the registration deadline for the hearing. Each individual seeking to attend the live hearing (including motions practice or may conduct cross-examination or follow-up cross-examination) must register by sending an email to registration@prc.gov with the subject line "N2024–1 Hearing

Registration" by Monday, December 2, 2024.⁹ Please ensure the email contains the following information:

- your first and last name;
- your email address; and
- your affiliation.

The registration@prc.gov email address is used solely for the exchange of information relating to the logistics of registering for and participating in the hearing.¹⁰ No information related to the substance of the cases shall be provided or communicated via that email.

The Postal Service's witnesses shall appear on December 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. ET. The order of the witnesses is as follows:

- Stephen B. Hagenstein (USPS–T–1)
- Arslan Saleem (USPS–T–2)
- Leslie Johnson-Frick (USPS–T–3)
- Gregory White (USPS–T–4)
- Curtis Whiteman (USPS–T–5) or witness with equivalent knowledge¹¹

It is the Commission's intent to have all the Postal Service witnesses called and excused by 4 p.m. ET.

One of the Postal Service's witnesses, Sharon Owens (Postal Service institutional witness), is not called and is excused. Likewise, the rebuttal witnesses, namely Anita Morrison, Stephen DeMatteo, and Douglas Carlson, are not called for the December 4 hearing.

The Postal Service shall file any corrected testimony, corrected designated written-cross examination, etc., applicable to the excused witnesses with a declaration/affidavit from the witness attesting to the proposed record material, no later than December 2, 2024. The Postal Service may move to admit these materials by written motion not later than December 4, 2024. Objections to the admission of the proposed record material for these excused witnesses are due not later than December 5, 2024.

On December 2, 2024, the Postal Service shall file a "Notice of Designated Materials" identifying any corrections to the testimony or designated materials for each witness sponsored by the Postal Service. Order No. 7695 at 26. Attached to that notice shall be an Adobe PDF file that contains

¹ Douglas F. Carlson Motion for Late Acceptance of Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Case, November 25, 2024 (Carlson Motion).

² Douglas F. Carlson Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Case, November 25, 2024 (Carlson Notice).

³ American Postal Workers Union, AFL–CIO Motion for Late Acceptance of Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Testimony, November 25, 2024 (APWU Motion).

⁴ American Postal Workers Union, AFL–CIO Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Testimony, November 25, 2024 (APWU Notice).

⁵ Notice and Order on the Postal Service's Request for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, October 9, 2024 (Order No. 7695).

⁶ Order Establishing Hearing Procedures, November 15, 2024 (Order No. 7998).

⁷ See Order No. 7998, Attachment 1 at 2; Order No. 7695, Attachment 1 at 2.

⁸ The livestream will only allow participants to view, but not interact with, the live hearing taking place at the Commission's hearing room. Registration is not required to access the livestream.

⁹ The Commission previously set the deadline as November 22, 2024. See Order No. 7998 at 3–4.

¹⁰ Please refer to the Commission's privacy policy which is available at <https://www.prc.gov/privacy>.

¹¹ If a witness with equivalent knowledge appears for Mr. Whiteman, the Postal Service should be prepared to admit Mr. Whiteman's testimony by motion. Additionally, if the witness with equivalent knowledge is unable to answer certain oral cross-examination questions, the Commission reserves the right to require Mr. Whiteman to supplement, in writing, with answers to those questions generated at the hearing.

the witness's designated written responses in alphabetical order by the name of the party propounding the interrogatory followed by numerical order of the interrogatory (with any corrections to the responses highlighted). The Postal Service shall also contemporaneously file any corrections to testimony (with those corrections highlighted).

Rebuttal testimony and all materials in support of the case must be filed by December 4, 2024.¹² Parties that wish to conduct oral cross-examination of a rebuttal witness shall file notice of an intent to do so by December 5, 2024. Written discovery (cross-examination) may be served on the parties offering rebuttal testimony immediately after filing of rebuttal testimony and must be filed no later than December 6, 2024. Parties must file a Notice of Designations, consistent with the procedure described above, should they wish to designate rebuttal case

discovery responses for the record, no later than December 10, 2024. The Presiding Officer will issue a further ruling admitting designated materials into evidence shortly thereafter.

Due to the filing of a rebuttal case, the briefing schedule is also modified. Initial briefs or statements of positions are now due no later than December 18, 2024. Reply briefs may be filed no later than December 23, 2024.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. Douglas F. Carlson's Motion for Late Acceptance of Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Case, filed November 25, 2024, is granted.

2. APWU's Motion for Late Acceptance of Notice of Intent to File Rebuttal Testimony, filed November 25, 2024, is granted.

3. The hearing on the Postal Service's direct case in the above-captioned docket shall commence at 10 a.m. ET on

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at the Commission's hearing room. The Postal Service shall make the identified witnesses available at the commencement of the hearing, consistent with the body of this Order.

4. If a witness with equivalent knowledge appears for Witness Whiteman, the Postal Service shall be prepared to admit Witness Whiteman's testimony by motion at the hearing.

5. Participants who wish to attend the hearing in-person must register via email consistent with the body of this Order.

6. The modified procedural schedule for this proceeding is set forth below the signature of this Order.

7. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR DOCKET NO. N2024–1

[Modified by the Commission, November 27, 2024]

Deadlines in Preparation for Hearing:	
Filing of Notice Confirming Intent to Conduct Oral Cross-Examination	November 22, 2024.
Filing of Request to Present Oral Argument	November 22, 2024.
Filing of Notice of Designations (Parties)	November 26, 2024.
Filing of Notices of Designated Materials (Postal Service)	December 2, 2024.
Rebuttal Case Deadlines:	
Filing of Notice Confirming Intent to File a Rebuttal Case	November 22, 2024.
Filing of Rebuttal Case	December 4, 2024.
Filing of Notice Confirming Intent to Conduct Oral Cross-Examination	December 5, 2024.
Filing of Request to Present Oral Argument	December 5, 2024.
Last Filing of Discovery Requests	December 6, 2024.
Notice of Designations	December 10, 2024.
Filing of the Rebuttal Witness' Answers to Discovery	December 10, 2024.
Notice of Designated Materials	December 11, 2024.
Surrebuttal Case Deadlines (if applicable):	
Filing of Motion for Leave to File Surrebuttal Case	December 6, 2024.
Filing of Response to Motion for Leave to File Surrebuttal Case	December 10, 2024.
Filing of Surrebuttal Case (if authorized)	December 13, 2024.
Hearing Dates:	
Hearings	December 4–6, 2024.
Briefing Deadlines:	
Filing of Initial Briefs (with Rebuttal Case)	December 18, 2024.
Filing of Reply Briefs (with Rebuttal Case)	December 23, 2024.
Statement of Position Deadline:	
Filing of Statement of Position (with Rebuttal Case)	December 18, 2024.
Advisory Opinion Deadline:	
Filing of Advisory Opinion	January 31, 2025.

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¹² See Order No. 7695 at 23–24. Any motion for leave to file a surrebuttal case remains due December 6, 2024. *Id.* at 24.