

Yucca Mountain, the potential near-field chemistry in repository tunnels, and waste package design and prototype development. An update on probabilistic volcanic hazards analysis will complete the day's agenda.

Time will be set aside at the end of the day for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Board's Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff no later than June 4, 2007.

A block of rooms has been reserved for meeting participants at the Crowne Plaza. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the NWTRB meeting. Reservations should be made by April 21, 2007, to ensure receiving the meeting rate.

For more information, contact Karyn Severson, NWTRB External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: April 11, 2007.

**William D. Barnard,**

*Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### April 26, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting

*Time and Date:* Thursday, April 26, 2007, 10 a.m. (Open Portion) 10:15 a.m. (Closed Portion).

*Place:* Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

*Status:* Meeting Open to the Public from 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Closed portion will commence at 10:15 a.m. (approx.).

*Matters to be Considered:*

1. President's Report.  
2. Tribute—Ambassador Josette Sheeran.

3. Tribute—Steven J. Law.

4. Approval of January 18, 2007 Minutes (Open Portion).

*Further Matters to be Considered:* (Closed to the Public 10:15 a.m.)

1. Report from Audit Committee.  
2. Finance Project—Global.  
3. Finance Project—Central America.

4. Finance Project—Israel.  
5. Finance Project—Latin America and Pakistan.

6. Approval of January 18, 2007 Minutes (Closed Portion).

7. Pending Major Projects.

8. Reports.

*Contact Person for Information:*

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.

Dated: April 12, 2007.

**Connie M. Downs,**

*Corporate Secretary, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2007-2; Order No. 9]

### Repositionable Notes Minor Classification Change

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and order.

**SUMMARY:** This document establishes a formal docket to consider extending the provisional Repositionable Notes (RPN) service by one year. Shortly before the expiration date, the Postal Service filed a request seeking to maintain the status quo to allow time to determine how RPNs may be affected by the recent implementation of the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA). This document describes the requested change and identifies several initial procedural steps, including authorization of settlement negotiations.

**DATES:** April 20, 2007: Deadline for intervention, responses to request for consideration under rule 69, comments on suspension of this docket, answers to Conditional Motion for Waiver, and comments on appropriateness of authorizing settlement procedures.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Regulatory History

71 FR 3894 (January 24, 2006).

#### I. Background

Under the terms of the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule (DMCS), provisional Repositionable Notes (RPN) service expires April 3, 2007, barring

the Service's filing of a request to continue to test the service or to make it a permanent offering. *See* DMCS 221.336(a). Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2007, the Postal Service filed with the Commission a Request, along with related pleadings, that tolls the scheduled expiration date by seeking establishment of a docket to consider a change which would extend expiration by one year, to April 2, 2008.<sup>1</sup>

The instant Request was filed pursuant to section 3623 of the Postal Reorganization Act, 39 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.* The Request identifies with specificity the requested change in the expiration date in affected DMCS classification provisions and in the associated rates specified in certain rate schedules. Related concurrent filings include the Direct Testimony of Broderick A. Parr (USPS-T-1); a separate Notice addressing, among other things, the Service's interest in settlement; and a pleading including a Conditional Motion for Waiver.<sup>2</sup>

The Service also suggests, in the alternative, that suspension of the docket might be appropriate. Request at 1-2. The rationale for this suggestion is the Service's belief that it might be advisable to wait until PAEA implementation matures sufficiently to illuminate other options for moving forward or until the Service files another request involving RPNs. *Id.* at 2.

The Service asserts that the requested change conforms with the criteria of 39 U.S.C. 3623(c), and will further the general policies of efficient postal operations and reasonable rates and fees enunciated in the Postal Reorganization Act. *Id.* It states the requested change is intended to maintain *status quo ante* and avoid disruption for mailers currently using RPN service and those that may be considering such use.

#### II. Application of Expedited Rules

*Rationale for filing under rules for expedited minor classification cases.* The Postal Service denominates its request as a minor classification change,

<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service for a Recommended Decision on Change of Expiration Date for Provisional Repositionable Notes Classifications and Rates, April 2, 2007 (Request). The Request includes three attachments.

Attachment A consists of the Service's proposed changes in the DMCS. Attachment B is an index of direct testimony. Attachment C is a statement of compliance with Commission rules 64, 69 and 69a.

<sup>2</sup> Notice of Filing of Request of the United States Postal Service for a Recommended Decision on Change of Expiration Date for Provisional Repositionable Notes Classifications and Rates (Notice) and Statement of the United States Postal Service Concerning Compliance with Filing Requirements and Conditional Motion for Waiver (Conditional Motion for Waiver), both filed April 2, 2007.

in conformance with rule 69, and seeks to have it considered under the Commission's rules for expedited minor classification cases. Notice at 1; 39 CFR 3001.69. In support of this treatment, it notes that the requested change is minor. It also observes that although no particular need for expedition exists, the proposed change meets the requirements set out in the expedited rules, as it does not involve a change in any rate or fee; does not impose any additional eligibility restrictions; and will not significantly change the estimated institutional cost contribution of the affected subclasses. Request at 3.

### III. Suspension Option

The Service asserts that the Commission has some discretion in handling the Request in light of current PAEA implementation activity. It observes:

While the formal thrust of this Request would extend expiration of RPN provisional service until April 3, 2008, the Postal Service would also support another procedural option. The Commission could suspend all activity in this docket until PAEA implementation matures sufficiently to illuminate other options for moving forward, or until a further request involving RPNs is filed. The Postal Service is prepared to defer to the Commission's preference here.

*Id.* at 2. The Service addresses additional issues related to suspension in the accompanying Notice. Notice at 2.

### IV. Preliminary Procedural Steps

The Commission's rules for expedited minor classification cases set out several pre-established deadlines designed to foster expedition. For example, rule 69 requires that the Commission issue notice of the proceeding within 5 days of the Service's filing. This notice, among other things, must afford interested persons 15 days after filing of the Postal Service's request to intervene and to respond to the Postal Service's proposal to have its Request considered under rule 69 procedures. Consistent with this requirement, intervention shall be allowed until April 20, 2007. Intervenor seeking a hearing on issues raised in the Request shall identify the fact or facts in the Postal Service filing that require a hearing.

To assist the Commission in determining an appropriate course of action, intervenors, in addition to addressing the appropriateness of using the expedited rules in this proceeding, are invited to address the Service's suggestion that suspension is an appropriate option; the Service's conditional Motion for Waiver; and the possibility of settlement. These

pleadings, which may be combined, are due no later than April 20, 2007.

**Public participation.** In conformance with section 3624(a) of title 39, the Commission designates Shelley S. Dreifuss, director of the Commission's Office of the Consumer Advocate, 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.

### V. Ordering Paragraphs

#### *It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2007-2 to consider the Postal Service Request referred to in the body of this order.

2. The Commission will act *en banc* in this proceeding.

3. Notices of intervention shall be filed no later than April 20, 2007.

4. Responses to the Service's request for consideration of its Request under rule 69 are due no later than April 20, 2007.

5. Comments on the Service's suggestion that suspension of this docket is a procedural option are due no later than April 20, 2007.

6. Answers to the Service's Conditional Motion for Waiver are due no later than April 20, 2007.

7. Comments on the appropriateness of authorizing settlement procedures in this proceeding are due no later than April 20, 2007.

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

9. The Secretary shall cause this Notice and Order to be published in the **Federal Register**.

Issued: April 10, 2007.

By the Commission.

**Garry J. Sikora,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 5775]

#### **Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate; Notice of Grant Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of State invites organizations interested in contributing to the Asia-Pacific Partnership's goals,

through innovative public-private partnerships, to submit concept papers for consideration under the Annual Program Statement (APS) using [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

### Background

Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, and the United States have established the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate to accelerate the development and deployment of clean energy technologies in their countries. The Partner countries have decided to work together and with their private sectors on energy security, national air pollution reduction, and climate change in ways that promote sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. The Partnership involves countries that account for about half of the world's population and more than half of the world's economy and energy use.

The Partnership focuses on voluntary practical measures taken by these six countries in the Asia-Pacific region to create new investment opportunities, build local capacity, and remove barriers to the introduction of clean, more efficient technologies. It brings together key experts from the public and private sectors.

As a part of the U.S. government's participation in the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (APP), the Department of State (DOS) is soliciting Concept Papers from organizations interested in contributing to the Partnership's goals through innovative public-private partnerships. These goals include reducing greenhouse gas emissions; advancing sustainable economic growth; reducing poverty; creating new investment opportunities; building local capacity; and improving economic and energy security.

Prospective applicants may include a wide range of Partner country organizations, from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to commercial firms. An organization may submit no more than four (4) Concept Papers total as lead grant recipient for the entire Concept Paper process.

The DOS has requested \$26 million in Economic Support Funds (ESF) to fund Partnership activities in Fiscal Year 2007. Through this Announcement, the Department of State is soliciting proposals for activities to be undertaken in India. The Department of State is not soliciting proposals for activities to be undertaken in Australia, China, Japan, or Korea. To qualify for DOS funding under this program announcement, a proposal must demonstrate that the applicant and its partners are willing/