

statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's public hearing scheduled for 2 PM, December 8, 2008 in conjunction with OPIC's December 11, 2008 Board of Directors meeting has been cancelled.

Contact Person for Information:

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Dated: December 8, 2008.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-15; Order No. 144]

International Mail Contract

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces a recently-filed Postal Service notice of a new international mail contract. It addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

DATES: Comments due December 12, 2008.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 2, 2008, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 1 (GEPS 1) contract.¹ GEPS 1 provides volume-based incentives for mailers that send large volumes of Express Mail International (EMI) and/or Priority Mail International (PMI). The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS agreements, and supported by the Governors' Decision filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.² *Id.* at 1-

2. It further notes that in Order No. 86, which established GEPS 1 as a product, the Commission held that additional contracts may be included as part of the GEPS 1 product if they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and if they are functionally equivalent to the initial GEPS 1 contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.³ *Id.* at 1.

The instant contract. The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. It submitted the contract and supporting material under seal, and attached a redacted copy of the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) to the Notice. *Id.* at 1-2.

The Notice addresses reasons why the instant GEPS 1 contract fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS 1, explains expiration terms, and discusses the Postal Service's interest in confidential treatment for the contract and related material.⁴ *Id.* at 2-3. It also provides the Postal Service's rationale for concluding that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the initial contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5. The Postal Service requests that this contract be included within the GEPS 1 product. *Id.* at 3-5.

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-15 for consideration of matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than December 12, 2008. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Michael J. Ravnitzky to serve as Public Representative in the captioned filings.

It Is Ordered

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-15 for consideration of the matters raised in this docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Michael J. Ravnitzky is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the

United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Redacted Copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7, July 23, 2008.

³ See PRC Order No. 86, Order Concerning Global Expedited Package Services Contracts, June 27, 2008, at 7 (Order No. 86).

⁴ Contract expiration is tied to one year after the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary approvals and reviews have been obtained. *Id.* at 2.

interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than December 12, 2008.

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

By the Commission.

Steven W. Williams,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-28527; File No. 812-13492]

RiverSource Life Insurance Company, et al., Notice of Application

December 4, 2008.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of amended and restated application for an order of exemption pursuant to Section 26(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") approving certain substitutions of securities and an order of exemption pursuant to Section 17(b) of the 1940 Act from Section 17(a) of the 1940 Act.

Applicants: RiverSource Life Insurance Company ("RiverSource Life"), RiverSource Life Insurance Co. of New York ("RiverSource Life of NY" and, together with RiverSource Life, the "Companies"), RiverSource Variable Account10 ("Account 10"), RiverSource Variable Life Separate Account ("Variable Life Separate Account"), RiverSource of New York Variable Annuity Account ("Variable Annuity Account NY") and RiverSource of New York Account 8 ("Account 8 NY") (except for the Companies, each a "separate account" as defined in Section 2(a)(37) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"); the separate accounts are collectively referred to herein as the "Separate Accounts") (all foregoing parties collectively referred to herein as the "Applicants"); and RiverSource Variable Series Trust ("RiverSource VS Trust," and together with the Applicants, the "Section 17(b) Applicants").

Filing Date: The application was filed on February 11, 2008, and amended and restated on October 30, 2008.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order of the Commission, pursuant to Section 26(c) of the 1940 Act, approving the substitution of shares

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, December 2, 2008 (Notice).

² See Docket No. CP2008-5, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Establishment of Prices and Classifications for Global Expedited Package Services Contracts (Governors' Decision No. 08-7), May 6, 2008, and