

approved by OMB under control number 1212-0036 (expires December 31, 2013). PBGC is requesting that OMB extend its approval for three years, with modifications. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The modifications include a new requirement that plan administrators of plans terminating in a standard termination attach copies of the Notice of Intent to Terminate and sample Notices of Plan Benefits to the Standard Termination Notice (Form 500) filed with PBGC. PBGC is reorganizing the distress termination forms and instructions, including removing information items that PBGC no longer needs or can gather in other ways, adding a few information items that PBGC typically has been requesting as additional information under 29 CFR 4041.45(c), and moving some information items from one form to another. PBGC is also making clarifying, simplifying, editorial, and other changes to the current standard termination, distress termination, and missing participants forms and instructions.

PBGC estimates that 1,430 plan administrators will be subject to the collection of information requirements in PBGC's regulations on termination and missing participants and implementing forms and instructions each year, and that the total annual burden of complying with these requirements is 1,667 hours and \$2,761,200.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 16th day of December 2013.

**Judith Starr,**

*General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### National Council on Federal Labor- Management Relations Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations plans to meet on the following dates—  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014.  
Wednesday, March 19, 2014.  
Wednesday, May 21, 2014.  
Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

The meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time and will be held in Room 1350, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415. Interested parties should consult the Council Web site at [www.lmrcouncil.gov](http://www.lmrcouncil.gov) for the latest information on Council activities, including changes in meeting dates.

The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations, Federal management organizations, and senior Government officials. The Council was established by Executive Order 13522, entitled, "Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services," which was signed by the President on December 9, 2009. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council assists in the implementation of labor-management forums throughout the Government and makes recommendations to the President on innovative ways to improve delivery of services and products to the public, while cutting costs and advancing employee interests. The Council is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget.

At its meetings, the Council will continue its work in promoting cooperative and productive relationships between labor and management in the executive branch by carrying out the responsibilities and functions listed in section 1(b) of the Executive Order. The meetings are open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at the meeting. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Curry, Deputy Associate Director for Partnership and Labor Relations, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 7H28, Washington, DC 20415; phone at (202) 606-2930; or email at [PLR@opm.gov](mailto:PLR@opm.gov).

For the National Council.

**Katherine Archuleta,**

*Director.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2014-13; Order No. 1907]

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning a contract with Canada for the delivery of inbound Expedited Parcels USA and Express Mail Services (EMS). This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 23, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### I. Introduction

On December 13, 2013, the Postal Service filed Notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5, that it has entered into a successor negotiated service agreement (Agreement) with Canada's foreign postal operator, Canada Post Corporation (Canada Post).<sup>1</sup>

The Postal Service seeks to have the inbound portion of the Agreement, which concerns delivery of inbound Expedited Parcels USA and Express Mail Services (EMS) in the United States, included within the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2010-34) product on the competitive product list. Notice at 1, 3.

#### II. Contents of Filing

The Postal Service's filing consists of the Notice, financial workpapers, and four attachments.<sup>2</sup> Attachment 1 is an

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with a Foreign Postal Operator, December 13, 2013 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> The financial workpapers and Attachments 2 and 4 were filed in redacted and unredacted versions. Terms and conditions associated with

application for non-public treatment of material. Attachment 2 is a copy of the Agreement. Attachment 3 is the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2). Attachment 4 is a copy of Governors' Decision No. 10-3.

The Agreement's intended effective date is January 1, 2014. *Id.* at 3. The Agreement is set to expire two years after the effective date, subject to termination pursuant to contractual terms. *Id.*

The Postal Service states that the Agreement is the successor to the 2012 Canada Post Agreement approved in Order No. 1088.<sup>3</sup> It also identifies the 2012 Canada Post Agreement as the baseline agreement for purposes of determining functional equivalence. Notice at 2. It asserts that the Agreement fits within applicable Mail Classification Schedule language included in Governors' Decision No. 10-3. See *id.* at 3, Attachment 4. The Postal Service identifies differences between the Agreement and the 2012 Canada Post Agreement, such as revisions to existing articles and attachments, but asserts that these differences do not detract from a finding of functional equivalency.<sup>4</sup> Notice at 5-7. In addition, it states that both agreements incorporate the same cost attributes and methodology, thereby making the relevant cost and market characteristics the same. *Id.* at 6.

### III. Commission Action

*Notice of establishment of docket.* The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2014-13 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice. The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filing in the above-captioned docket is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642 and the requirements of 39 CFR parts 3015 and 3020. Comments are due no later than December 23, 2013. The public portions of this filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

International Business Return Service are not included in the Notice because return service to U.S. customers has not yet been launched. *Id.* at 3-4. The Postal Service states that it will file an appropriate amendment and corresponding notice prior to the launch of this product. *Id.* at 4.

<sup>3</sup> Notice at 2; Docket No. CP2012-4, Order Adding an Additional Bilateral Agreement to Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements With Foreign Postal Operators 1 Product, December 30, 2011 (Order No. 1088).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., in Article 13, revisions to procedures related to filings in the regulatory process; in Attachment 5, inclusion of initiatives intended to improve quality of service; and in Attachment 7, inclusion of product development and collaborative initiatives. Notice, Attachment 2 at 4-5, 43-44, 48.

*www.prc.gov*). Information on obtaining access to sealed material appears in 39 CFR part 3007.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2014-13 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

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

3. Comments are due no later than December 23, 2013.

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

By the Commission.

**Ruth Ann Abrams,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

*Extension:*

Rule 17a-13, SEC File No. 270-27, OMB Control No. 3235-0035.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information provided for in Rule 17a-13 (17 CFR 240.17a-13) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78 *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act"). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 17a-13(b) (17 CFR 240.17a-13(b)) generally requires that at least once each calendar quarter, all registered brokers-dealers physically examine and count all securities held and account for all other securities not in their possession, but subject to the broker-dealer's control or direction. Any discrepancies between the broker-dealer's securities count and the firm's records must be noted and, within seven days, the unaccounted for difference

must be recorded in the firm's records. Rule 17a-13(c) (17 CFR 240.17a-13(c)) provides that under specified conditions, the count, examination, and verification of the broker-dealer's entire list of securities may be conducted on a cyclical basis rather than on a certain date. Although Rule 17a-13 does not require broker-dealers to file a report with the Commission, discrepancies between a broker-dealer's records and the securities counts may be required to be reported, for example, as a loss on Form X-17a-5 (17 CFR 248.617), which must be filed with the Commission under Exchange Act Rule 17a-5 (17 CFR 240.17a-5). Rule 17a-13 exempts broker-dealers that limit their business to the sale and redemption of securities of registered investment companies and interests or participation in an insurance company separate account and those who solicit accounts for federally insured savings and loan associations, provided that such persons promptly transmit all funds and securities and hold no customer funds and securities. Rule 17a-13 also does not apply to certain broker-dealers required to register only because they effect transactions in securities futures products.

The information obtained from Rule 17a-13 is used as an inventory control device to monitor a broker-dealer's ability to account for all securities held in transfer, in transit, pledged, loaned, borrowed, deposited, or otherwise subject to the firm's control or direction. Discrepancies between the securities counts and the broker-dealer's records alert the Commission and applicable self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") to those firms experiencing back-office operational issues.

Currently, there are approximately 4,462 broker-dealers registered with the Commission. However, given the variability in their businesses, it is difficult to quantify how many hours per year each broker-dealer spends complying with Rule 17a-13. As noted, Rule 17a-13 requires a respondent to account for all securities in its possession or subject to its control or direction. Many respondents hold few, if any, securities; while others hold large quantities. Therefore, the time burden of complying with Rule 17a-13 will depend on respondent-specific factors, including a broker-dealer's size, number of customers, and proprietary trading activity. The staff estimates that the average time spent per respondent is 100 hours per year on an ongoing basis to maintain the records required under Rule 17a-13. This estimate takes into account the fact that more than half of the 4,462 respondents—according to