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#### *F. Inclusive Dates of the Match*

The matching program shall become effective upon signing of the agreement by both parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**John Berry,**  
*Director.*

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## **POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. CP2013–37; Order No. 1617]

### **International Mail Contracts**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request concerning an additional Global Plus 1C contract. This document invites public

comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* January 22, 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.

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#### **I. Introduction**

*Notice of filing.* On January 9, 2013, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it is entering into an additional Global Plus 1C contract (Agreement).<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service seeks to have the Agreement included within the Global Plus 1C product on the grounds of functional equivalence to a previously approved baseline agreement. *Id.* at 2.

*Product history.* The Commission added Global Plus 1C to the competitive product list by operation of Order No. 1151.<sup>2</sup> It concurrently designated the agreements filed in companion Docket Nos. CP2012–12 and CP2012–13 as the baseline agreements for purposes of establishing the functional equivalency of other agreements proposed for inclusion with the Global Plus 1C product. *Id.* at 7. The Agreement that is the subject of this filing is the immediate successor to the agreement approved in Docket No. CP2012–13. Notice at 4.

Customers for Global Plus 1C contracts are Postal Qualified Wholesalers (PQWs) and other large businesses that offer mailing services to end users for shipping articles via International Priority Airmail, International Surface Air Lift, Global Express Guaranteed, Express Mail

International, Priority Mail International, and/or Commercial ePacket service. *Id.* at 5.

#### **II. Contents of Filing**

The filing includes the Notice, along with the following attachments:

- Attachment 1—a redacted copy of the Agreement;
- Attachment 2—a redacted copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 11–6; and
- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of material filed under seal.

The material filed under seal consists of unredacted copies of the Agreement and supporting financial documents. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service filed redacted versions of the sealed financial documents in public Excel spreadsheets. *Id.* at 3.

*Functional equivalency.* The Postal Service asserts that the instant Agreement and the baseline agreements are functionally equivalent because they share similar cost and market characteristics. *Id.* at 4. It notes that the pricing formula and classification established in Governors' Decision No. 08–8 ensure that each Global Plus 1C contract meets the criteria of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and related regulations. *Id.* at 4–5. The Postal Service also indicates that the pricing formula relied on for these Global Plus 1C contracts is included in Governors' Decision No. 11–6. *Id.* at 5. The Postal Service further asserts that the functional terms of the two agreements are the same and the benefits are comparable. *Id.*

The Postal Service states that prices may differ, depending on when an agreement is signed, due to updated costing information. *Id.* at 6. It also identifies other differences in contractual terms, but asserts that the differences do not affect either the fundamental service being offered or the fundamental structure of the Agreement.<sup>3</sup> *Id.* 5–6.

*Effective date; term.* The scheduled effective date of the Agreement is January 27, 2013. *Id.* at 3; Attachment 1 at 10. The Agreement is expected to be in effect for approximately 1 year. Termination is either the date prior to the date in January 2014 that Canada Post Corporation makes changes to published rates affecting Qualifying

<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Plus 1C Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, January 9, 2013 (Notice). The Notice was filed in accordance with 39 CFR 3015.5. *Id.* at 1.

<sup>2</sup> Docket Nos. MC2012–6, CP2012–12, and CP2012–13, Order Adding Global Plus 1C to the Competitive Product List and Approving Related Global Plus 1C Agreements, January 19, 2012 (Order No. 1151).

<sup>3</sup> The list includes, among other things, the non-inclusion of a particular service, the addition and revision of articles, and related renumbering of articles. *See id.* at 6–7.

Mail<sup>4</sup> or, in the event of inaction, January 31, 2014. *Id.*

### III. Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2013–37 for consideration of matters raised in the Notice. Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Agreement is consistent with the requirements of 39 CFR 3015.5 and the policies of sections 3632, 3633, and 3642. Comments are due no later than January 22, 2013. The public portions of the Postal Service's filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Information on how to obtain access to nonpublic material appears at 39 CFR 3007.

The Commission appoints Curtis Kidd to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this case.

### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2013–37 for consideration of matters raised in the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission designates Curtis Kidd 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 January 22, 2013.

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

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2013–38; Order No. 1619]

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**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request concerning an additional Global Plus 2C contract. This document invites public comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

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

<sup>4</sup> Article 3 of the Agreement outlines the requirements for mail to be considered as Qualifying Mail. *Id.* at 2–3.

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*Background.* The Commission added Global Plus 2 to the competitive product list, based on Governors' Decision No. 08–10, by operation of Order No. 112. *Id.* at 1. It later approved the addition of Global Plus 2C contracts to the competitive product list as a result of Docket No. MC2012–5.<sup>2</sup> The Commission designated the contracts filed in companion Docket Nos. CP2012–10 and CP2012–11 as the baseline agreements for purposes of establishing the functional equivalency of other agreements proposed for inclusion with the Global Plus 2C product. Notice at 2. The Agreement that is the subject of this filing is intended to be the immediate successor instrument to the agreement in Docket No. CP2012–10. *Id.* at 3.

Customers for Global Plus 2C contracts are Postal Qualified Wholesalers (PQWs) and other large businesses that offer mailing services to end users for shipping articles via Global Direct and/or International Business Reply Service. *Id.* at 6.

<sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Plus 2C Contract Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, January 10, 2013 (Notice). The Notice was filed in accordance with 39 CFR 3015.5. *Id.* at 1.

<sup>2</sup> See Docket Nos. MC2012–5, CP2012–10, and CP2012–11, Order No. 1135, Order Adding Global Plus 2C to the Competitive Product List and Approving Functionally Equivalent Global Plus 2C Agreements, January 13, 2012.

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*Effective date; term.* The Agreement includes a scheduled effective date of January 14, 2013, however, given its filing date (January 10, 2013) and advance notice requirements,<sup>4</sup> the Agreement can take effect no sooner than January 25, 2013, assuming regulatory approval, creating a gap in coverage.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> The list includes, among other things, the non-inclusion of a particular service, the addition and revision of articles, and related renumbering of articles. See *id.* at 7–8.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5.

<sup>5</sup> The parties to the agreement in Docket No. CP2012–10, the same as to the instant Agreement, amended that agreement to extend its termination date to January 31, 2013. By separate motion, the Postal Service sought approval of that extension. See Motion of the United States Postal Service for