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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. ACR2016; Order No. 3718]**

**Postal Service Performance Report and Performance Plan**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On December 29, 2016, the Postal Service filed the FY 2016 Performance Report and FY 2017 Performance Plan with its FY 2016 Annual Compliance Report. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* February 8, 2017. *Reply Comments are due:* February 22, 2017.

**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:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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## **I. Introduction**

Each fiscal year, the Postal Service must discuss its performance goals in its annual performance plan and annual performance report. 39 U.S.C. 2803 and 2804. The Postal Service must submit its most recent annual performance plan and annual performance report to the Commission. *Id.* 3652(g). On December 29, 2016, the Postal Service filed its FY 2016 Annual Report to Congress in Docket No. ACR2016.<sup>1</sup> The FY 2016 Annual Report includes the FY 2016 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan. FY 2016 Annual Report at 11-29.

Each year, the Commission must evaluate whether the Postal Service met the performance goals established in the annual performance plan and annual performance report. 39 U.S.C. 3653(d). The Commission may also “provide recommendations to the Postal Service related to the protection or promotion of public policy objectives set out in” title 39. *Id.*

## **II. Background**

In past years, the Commission evaluated whether the Postal Service met its performance goals in the Annual Compliance Determination (ACD). The

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<sup>1</sup> United States Postal Service FY2016 Annual Report to Congress, Library Reference USPS-FY16-17, December 29, 2016 (FY 2016 Annual Report).

Commission later determined that its evaluation of the Postal Service's performance under 39 U.S.C. 3653(d) is distinguishable from its determination of compliance or non-compliance in the ACD under 39 U.S.C. 3653(b). In Docket Nos. ACR2013, ACR2014, and ACR2015, the Commission issued separate reports evaluating whether the Postal Service met its performance goals.<sup>2</sup> By issuing separate reports, the Commission provided more in-depth analysis of the Postal Service's progress toward meeting its performance goals and plans to improve performance in future years.

As it did in recent years, the Commission will evaluate whether the Postal Service met its FY 2016 performance goals in a report separate from the FY 2016 ACD. To facilitate this review, the Commission invites public comment on the following issues:

- Did the Postal Service meet its performance goals in FY 2016?
- Do the FY 2016 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan meet applicable statutory requirements, including 39 U.S.C. 2803 and 2804?
- What recommendations should the Commission provide to the Postal Service that relate to protecting or promoting public policy objectives in title 39?

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<sup>2</sup> Docket No. ACR2013, Postal Regulatory Commission, Review of Postal Service FY 2013 Performance Report and FY 2014 Performance Plan, July 7, 2014; Docket No. ACR2014, Postal Regulatory Commission, Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2014 Program Performance Report and FY 2015 Performance Plan, July 7, 2015; Docket No. ACR2015, Postal Regulatory Commission, Analysis of the Postal Service's FY 2015 Annual Performance Report and FY 2016 Performance Plan, May 4, 2016.

- What recommendations or observations should the Commission make concerning the Postal Service's strategic initiatives?<sup>3</sup>
- What other matters are relevant to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2016 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan under 39 U.S.C. 3653(d)?

### **III. Request for Comments**

Comments by interested persons are due no later than February 8, 2017. Reply comments are due no later than February 22, 2017. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket with respect to issues related to the Commission's analysis of the FY 2016 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan.

### **IV. Ordering Paragraphs**

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission invites public comment on the Postal Service's FY 2016 Annual Performance Report and FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding with respect to issues related to the

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<sup>3</sup> See FY 2016 Annual Report at 69-71.

Commission's analysis of the FY 2016 Annual Performance Report and the FY 2017 Annual Performance Plan.

3. Comments are due no later than February 8, 2017.
4. Reply comments are due no later than February 22, 2017.
5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal**

**Register.**

By the Commission.

**Stacy L. Ruble,**

*Secretary.*

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