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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2027-1; Order No. 9804]

Competitive Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is recognizing a recently filed Postal Service document with the Commission concerning changes in rates and classifications of general applicability for Competitive products. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due*: December 4, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at *https://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.

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I. Introduction and Overview

On November 12, 2026, the Postal Service filed notice with the Commission concerning changes in rates and classifications of general

applicability for Competitive products.[1] The Postal Service represents that, as required by 39 CFR 3035.102(b) and 39 CFR 3035.104(b), the Notice includes an explanation and justification for the changes, the effective date, and a schedule of the changed rates. *See* Notice at 1-2. The changes are scheduled to take effect on January 17, 2027. *Id.* at 1.

Attached to the Notice is Governors' Decision No. 26-8, which states the new prices are in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and 39 CFR 3035.102.[2] The Governors' Decision provides an analysis of the Competitive products' price and classification changes intended to demonstrate that the changes comply with 39 U.S.C. 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. Governors' Decision No. 26-8 at 1. The attachment to the Governors' Decision sets forth the classification and price changes and includes draft *Mail Classification Schedule* (MCS) language for Competitive products of general applicability.

The Notice also includes an application for non-public treatment of the attributable costs, contribution, and cost coverage data in the unredacted version of the annex to the Governors' Decision, as well as the supporting materials for the data. Notice at 1-2.

Planned price and classification changes. The Governors' Decision includes an overview of the Postal Service's planned price changes which are summarized in the table below.

Table I-1
Proposed Price Changes

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[1] USPS Notice of Changes in Rates and Classifications of General Applicability for Competitive Products, November 12, 2026 (Notice). Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(2), the Postal Service is obligated to publish the Governors' Decision and record of proceedings in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days before the effective date of the new rates.

[2] Notice, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on Changes in Rates and Classification of General Applicability for Competitive Products (Governors' Decision No. 26-8), at 1 (Governors' Decision No. 26-8).

Product Name	Average Price Increase (%)
Domestic Competitive Products	
Priority Mail Express	5.9
Retail	5.9
Commercial	5.9
Nonstandard Fees	16.0
Priority Mail	5.9
Retail	5.9
Commercial	5.9
Nonstandard Fees	16.0
Parcel Select	5.9
Destination Delivery Unit	5.8
Destination Sectional Center Facility	5.9
Connect Local	6.0
Nonstandard Fees	16.0
USPS Ground Advantage	5.9
Retail	5.9
Commercial	5.9
Alaska Limited Overland Routes	9.9
Nonstandard Fees	16.0
Domestic Extra Services	
Package Intercept Service	8.0
Adult Signature Service	
Required	8.2
Restricted Delivery	8.0
Address Enhancement Services (AMS API)	20.0
Premium Forwarding Service	
Weekly Reshipment (Priority Mail)	4.2
Per-Container Reshipment (Local)	4.2
Enrollment (annual) - online	8.0
Enrollment - retail	7.8
Priority Mail Half Tray Box	15.1
Priority Mail Full Tray Box	0
Priority Mail Express Half Tray Box	28.0
Priority Mail Express Full Tray Box	9.6
Competitive Post Office Box	0
Label Delivery Service	9.1
Pickup On Demand	7.9
Premium Data Retention and Retrieval Service	8.0
International Competitive Products	
Priority Mail Express International	7.9
Retail	7.9
Commercial	7.4
Priority Mail International	7.9
Retail	8.1
Commercial	6.2
International Priority Airmail	7.9
First-Class Package International Service	7.9
Retail	7.9
Commercial	7.4
International Ancillary Services and Special Services	
International Certificate of Mailing	6.3
International Insurance	0

Product Name	Average Price Increase (%)
Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee	8.0

Source: *See* Governors' Decision No. 26-8 at 2-7. Percentage increases for Premium Forwarding Services are based on the proposed rates specified in the supporting materials.

Further classification changes are summarized as follows:

• The Postal Service will apply a flat 11 percent fuel surcharge to domestic Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, and USPS Ground Advantage packages. Initially, the fuel surcharge will be static but eventually the Postal Service intends that it will adjust the surcharge on a weekly basis, based on average fuel prices reported by the Energy Information Administration (EIA). The new, permanent surcharge is set to take effect on the expiration date of the current time limited price change that has been in place since April 26, 2026.

• The Postal Service will introduce a repricing fee for postage overpayments and underpayments caused by inaccurate dimensions or weight. For an underpayment, the fee will equal 20 percent of the unpaid amount and will be added to the postage due. For an overpayment, 20 percent will be deducted from the refundable amount, subject to Postal Service refund rules.

• The Noncompliance Fee will be renamed the Dimension and Weight Noncompliance Fee and will apply only when dimensions or weight are missing.

• The proposed changes to Premium Forwarding Service clarify that the online enrollment fee is annual. The Postal Service will also add Priority Mail Express as an option under Premium Forwarding Service Residential (PFSR) and Premium Forwarding Service Commercial (PFSC) and add Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelopes, Priority Mail Sacks, Priority Mail Express

Flat Rate Envelopes, and Priority Mail Express Sacks options for PFSC. PFSC customers may control reshipment frequency for periods of up to 12 months.

- The Postal Service will introduce a Shipping Label Noncompliance Fee under Domestic Competitive products for incorrect barcode symbology or constructs.
- The Postal Service will expand the number of Price Groups for Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) Flat Rate Envelope from 8 to 20 groups and the number of Price Groups for Priority Mail International (PMI) Flat Rate Envelopes and Boxes from 8 to 20 groups.
- The Postal Service will add USPS Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) as an optional feature for International Priority Airmail (IPA) to more accurately reflect timing, payment and procedures related to USPS DDP.
- The Postal Service will revise the country group assignments for PMEI, PMI, IPA, and First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) in, and to the format of, Part D Country Price Lists for International Mail so that it can price these products more effectively.

Notice at 2-5; Governors' Decision No. 26-8 at 2-5.

II. Initial Administrative Actions

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2027-1 to consider the Postal Service's Notice. Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E. Comments are due no later than December 4, 2026. For specific details of the planned price changes, interested persons are encouraged to review the Notice, which is available on the Commission's website at *www.prc.gov*.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Christopher Mohr is appointed to serve as Public Representative to represent the interests of the general public in this docket. The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2027-1 to provide interested persons an opportunity to express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, and 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR 3040 subparts B and E.

2. Comments are due no later than December 4, 2026.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Christopher Mohr to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

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

By the Commission.

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