

frequency (CDF) and large early release frequency (LERF). Future updates are expected to be made to this document as experience is gained with LPSD quantitative risk analyses of both internal events and fires.

The NRC developed this LPSD fire quantitative risk method so analysts would be able to use a quantitative approach for estimating fire risk during LPSD conditions. While current LPSD safety analyses for fires performed under National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805) focus on qualitative, defense-in-depth methods, it is envisioned that applications in the future may evolve to a more quantitative method.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of February, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mark H. Salley,

Chief, Fire Research Branch, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2012-16; Order No. 1230]

International Mail Contract

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to enter into an additional International Business Reply Service contract. This document invites public comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by accessing the "Filing Online" link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

DATES: *Comments are due:* February 22, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820 (case-related information) or DocketAdmins@prc.gov (electronic filing assistance).

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I. Introduction

On February 13, 2012, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional International Business Reply Service (IBRS) contract.¹ The Postal Service asserts that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the IBRS 3 baseline contract originally filed in Docket Nos. MC2009-14 and CP2009-20 and supported by Governors' Decision No. 08-24 attached to the Notice (IBRS 3 baseline contract). *Id.* Attachment 3. The Notice explains that Order No. 684, which established IBRS Competitive Contracts 3 as a product, also authorized functionally equivalent agreements to be included within the product, provided that they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 1-2. Additionally, the Postal Service claims that the instant contract is the successor to the instrument that the Commission found to be eligible for inclusion in the IBRS Competitive Contract 3 product in Docket Nos. MC2011-21 and CP2011-59, on behalf of the same customer as in Docket No. CP2011-59. *Id.* at 3.

The instant contract. The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. The Postal Service also contends that the instant contract is in compliance with Order No. 178. The instant contract is intended to be a successor to the IBRS Contract submitted in Docket Nos. MC2011-21 and CP2011-59, which is scheduled to expire on February 29, 2012. *Id.* at 2. The instant contract will remain in effect until March 1, 2014, unless termination of the agreement occurs earlier. *Id.* It may, however, be terminated by either party upon 30 days' written notice. *Id.* Attachment 1 at 10.

In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

- Attachment 1—a redacted copy of the contract and applicable annexes;
- Attachment 2—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-24, which establishes prices and classifications for IBRS contracts, a description of applicable IBRS contracts, formulas for

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service Filing of a Functionally Equivalent International Business Reply Service Competitive Contract 3 Negotiated Service Agreement, February 13, 2012 (Notice).

prices, an analysis of the formulas, a certification as to the formulas for prices offered under applicable IBRS contracts, and certification of the Governors' vote; and

- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and file supporting documents under seal.

The Notice enumerates the reasons why the instant IBRS Competitive Contract allegedly fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for IBRS Competitive Contract 3. The Postal Service identifies general contract terms that distinguish the instant contract from the IBRS 3 baseline contract, such as: An additional sentence in Article 15 stating that the Postal Service may be required to file information in connection with the contract in other Commission dockets; and an additional Article 30 concerning Intellectual Property, Co-Branding, and Licensing. *Id.* at 5. The Postal Service states that the differences affect neither the fundamental service that the Postal Service is offering nor the fundamental structure of the contract. *Id.*

The Postal Service concludes that its filing demonstrates that the new IBRS contract complies with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the IBRS 3 baseline contract filed in Docket Nos. MC2011-21 and CP2011-59. *Id.* at 6. Therefore, it requests that the instant contract be included within the IBRS Competitive Contract 3 (MC2011-21) product. *Id.*

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2012-16 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. 3633 and 39 CFR 3015.5. Comments are due no later than February 22, 2012. The public portions of this filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>.

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in the captioned proceeding.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2012-16 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than February 22, 2012.

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

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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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

Extension:

Rule 15c2-8; OMB Control No. 3235-0481;
SEC File No. 270-421.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 15c2-8 (17 CFR 240.15c2-8). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval—Rule 15c2-8 (17 CFR 240.15c2-8)—Delivery of Prospectus.

Rule 15c2-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) ("Exchange Act") requires broker-dealers to deliver preliminary and/or final prospectuses to certain people under certain circumstances. In connection with securities offerings generally, including initial public offerings (IPOs), the rule requires broker-dealers to take reasonable steps to distribute copies of the preliminary or final prospectus to anyone who makes a written request, as well as any broker-dealer who is expected to solicit purchases of the security and who makes a request. In connection with IPOs, the rule requires a broker-dealer to send a copy of the preliminary prospectus to any person who is expected to receive a confirmation of sale (generally, this means any person who is expected actually to purchase the security in the offering) at least 48 hours prior to the sending of such confirmation. This requirement is

sometimes referred to as the "48 hour rule."

Additionally, managing underwriters are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that all broker-dealers participating in the distribution of or trading in the security have sufficient copies of the preliminary or final prospectus, as requested by them, to enable such broker-dealer to satisfy their respective prospectus delivery obligations pursuant to Rule 15c2-8, as well as Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933.

Rule 15c2-8 implicitly requires that broker-dealers collect information, as such; the collection facilitates compliance with the rule. There is no requirement to submit collected information to the Commission. In order to comply with the rule, broker-dealers participating in a securities offering must keep accurate records of persons who have indicated interest in an IPO or requested a prospectus, so that they know to whom they must send a prospectus.

The Commission estimates that broker-dealers will spend a total of 74,010 hours complying with the collection of information required by the rule. The Commission estimates that the total number of responses required by the rule is 6,909. The Commission estimates that the total annualized cost burden (copying and postage costs) is \$15,014,400 (\$12,300,000 for IPOs + \$2,714,400 for other offerings).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief

Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: February 15, 2012.

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 3 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Gallagher, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012 will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Adjudicatory matters; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: February 16, 2012.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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