

2. Comments are due no later than November 26, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than December 12, 2014.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Nina Yeh 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.

Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket Nos. RM2015-2; Order No. 2238]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the initiation of a proceeding to considered changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports (Proposal Nine). This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* November 21, 2014. *Reply comments are due:* December 5, 2014.

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.

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I. Introduction

On October 31, 2014, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate an informal

rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports.¹ Text attached to the Petition identifies the proposed analytical method changes filed in this docket as Proposal Nine, Refine Split of City Carrier Costs into Office and Street Components. *Id.* Attachment at 1. The Postal Service concurrently filed two library references, along with an application for nonpublic treatment for one.²

II. Summary of Proposal

The existing costing methodology for city carriers requires data on the percentage of time spent in the office versus on the street. Petition, Attachment at 1. Currently, separating city carrier accrued costs into office costs (cost segment 6) and street costs (cost segment 7) relies on the In-Office Cost System (IOCS). *Id.* The Postal Service proposes replacing this methodology with the Time and Attendance Collection System (TACS), and making related changes. One is the proposed use of a recent set of City Carrier Street Route Inspections (collected on Form 3999), rather than IOCS, to determine the proportion of street costs incurred due to loading or unloading the vehicle. *Id.* Another is a proposed update to the methodology for attributing and distributing certain related costs that are currently part of the combined Office/Street Burdens, with assignment depending on whether the carrier is clocked to the office or to the street. *Id.* The proposed changes are based on the Postal Service's assertion that its operational systems have matured to the point where they can now provide the necessary data, so the percentage estimated by IOCS can be replaced with census data from TACS. *Id.*

The Postal Service also provides details on several components of Proposal Nine, some of which entail additional methodology changes. For example, in the costing methodology for motor vehicle services in cost segment 12, the Postal Service proposes

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Nine), October 31, 2014 (Petition).

² Notice of Filing of USPS-RM2015-2/1, USPS-RM2015-2/NP1, and Application for Nonpublic Treatment, October 31, 2014. One library reference is USPS-RM2015-2/1, Public Material Relating to Proposal Nine; the other is USPS-RM2015-2/NP1, Nonpublic Material Relating to Proposal Nine. The Notice of Filing incorporates by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials contained in Attachment Two to the December 27, 2013 United States Postal Service Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Compliance Report. Notice at 1. See 39 CFR part 3007 for information on access to nonpublic material.

replacing the current IOCS proxy for the office/street percentage split for motorized routes with the split of workhours available from Delivery Operations Information Systems (DOIS). *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service also proposes, in the costing methodology for vehicle driveout and carfare in cost segment 13, to replace the current proxy from IOCS for the office/street percentage split for foot routes with the split of workhours available from DOIS. *Id.* at 3-4.

Cost impacts. The Postal Service states that Table 1 shows that Proposal Nine, in aggregate, results in an increase in support costs from \$1.9 billion to \$2.7 billion, and a decrease in aggregate office and street costs from \$646 million to \$291 million. *Id.* at 5-6. It states that Table 2 (public version) shows the impact on product costs, and that an expanded nonpublic version also shows the impact on individual competitive products. *Id.* at 6.

Anticipated implementation date. The Postal Service anticipates implementing this methodology change at the conclusion of fiscal year 2015. *Id.* at 1.

III. Initial Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015-2 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. Additional information concerning the Petition may be accessed via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and Proposal Nine no later than November 21, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than December 5, 2014. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Anne C. O'Connor is designated as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2015-2 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Nine), filed October 31, 2014.

2. Comments are due no later than November 21, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than December 5, 2014.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Anne C. O'Connor to serve as 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.
Shoshana M. Grove,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0267; FRL-9919-18-Region 4]

Approval of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas; Georgia; Redesignation of the Georgia Portion of the Chattanooga, 1997 PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area to Attainment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On September 14, 2012, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD), submitted a request to redesignate the Georgia portion of the Chattanooga, TN-GA fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) nonattainment area (hereafter referred to as the "Chattanooga TN-GA Area" or "Area") to attainment for the 1997 Annual PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) and to approve a state implementation plan (SIP) revision containing a maintenance plan for the Georgia portion of the Chattanooga TN-GA Area. The Georgia portion of the Chattanooga TN-GA Area is comprised of two counties: Catoosa and Walker Counties in Georgia. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve the redesignation request and the related SIP revision, including GA EPD's plan for maintaining attainment of the PM_{2.5} standard, for the Georgia portion of the Chattanooga TN-GA Area. EPA is also proposing to approve into the Georgia SIP the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and PM_{2.5} for the year 2025 for the Georgia portion of the Chattanooga TN-GA Area. On April 23, 2013, Alabama submitted a request to redesignate the Alabama portion of the Chattanooga TN-GA Area, and EPA is expecting Tennessee to submit a request to redesignate the Tennessee portion of the Chattanooga TN-GA Area. EPA will be taking separate action on the requests from Georgia and Tennessee.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0267, by one of the following methods:

1. www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
2. Email: R4-RDS@epa.gov.
3. Fax: (404) 562-9019.
4. Mail: EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0267, Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.
5. Hand Delivery or Courier: Ms. Lynorae Benjamin, Chief, Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R04-OAR-2014-0267. EPA policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit through www.regulations.gov or email, information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be

able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the electronic docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, i.e., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joydeb Majumder of the Regulatory Development Section, in the Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Joydeb Majumder may be reached by phone at (404) 562-9121, or via electronic mail at majumder.joydeb@epa.gov.

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