

Service adds its internal research shows that sample distribution is a large and growing industry. The Postal Service notes that the volume of samples mailed in recent years has declined. It attributes this to a rate design adopted in 2005. Through the experiment, the Postal Service is exploring the possibility of increasing its presence in the sample distribution market. *Id.* at 3–4.

Under the proposed market test, the Postal Service will provide a parcel box weighing at least 12.5 ounces that will contain an assortment of samples from multiple CPGs to be delivered to consumers in targeted demographic markets. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service states that a partner will prepare several hundred thousand Samples Co-Op Boxes, each containing product samples from multiple CPGs. The CPGs will not be charged for inclusion of their samples in the boxes. The Postal Service will deliver the Samples Co-Op Boxes to the test market. *Id.* Postage will not be charged for the mailing. *Id.* at 8.

Following the one-time mailing of the boxes, the Postal Service will conduct research designed to gain information about the proposed product. *Id.* at 1. Depending on the results of that research, the Postal Service may conduct a second market test after providing notice to the Commission. *Id.* at 10.

The Notice also addresses the Postal Service's plans to monitor performance and its data collection plan. *Id.* at 9–10.

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. MT2010–1 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice. Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filing in the captioned docket is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3641. Comments are due no later than April 20, 2010. The filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Steven Hoffer and Natalie Rea to serve as Public Representatives in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MT2010–1 for consideration of the matters raised by the Notice.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Steven Hoffer and Natalie Rea are appointed to serve as officers of the Commission (Public Representatives) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons are due no later than April 20, 2010.

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 Nos. CP2010–33, CP2010–34 and CP2010–35; Order No. 431]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to add several Global Expedited Package Services 2 (GEPS 2) contracts to the Competitive Product List. This notice addresses related procedural steps.

DATES: Comments are due: April 6, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202–789–6820 or stephen.sharfman@prc.gov.

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I. Introduction

On March 26, 2010, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into three additional Global Expedited Package Services 2 (GEPS 2) contracts.¹ The Postal Service believes the instant contracts are functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS 2 contracts, and are supported by Governors' Decision No. 08–7, attached to the Notice and originally filed in Docket No. CP2008–4. *Id.* at 1, Attachment 3. The Notice also explains that Order No. 86, which established

GEPS 1 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. In Order No. 290, the Commission approved the GEPS 2 product.²

The instant contracts. The Postal Service filed the instant contracts pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that each contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. The term of each contract is 1 year from the date the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulatory approvals have been received. Notice at 2–3.

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

1. Attachments 1A, 1B and 1C—redacted copies of the three contracts and applicable annexes;

2. Attachments 2A, 2B and 2C—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) for each of the three contracts;

3. Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 08–7 which establishes prices and classifications for GEPS contracts, a description of applicable GEPS contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis and certification of the formulas and certification of the Governors' vote; and

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

The Notice advances reasons why the instant GEPS 2 contracts fit within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS 2. The Postal Service identifies customer specific information, general contract terms and other differences that distinguish the instant contracts from the baseline GEPS 2 agreement, all of which are highlighted in the Notice. *Id.* at 3–6. These modifications as described in the Postal Service's Notice apply to each of the instant contracts.

The Postal Service contends that the instant contracts are functionally equivalent to the GEPS 2 contracts filed previously notwithstanding these differences. *Id.* at 6–7.

The Postal Service asserts that several factors demonstrate the contracts' functional equivalence with previous GEPS 2 contracts, including the product being offered, the market in which it is offered, and its cost characteristics. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service concludes that

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Three Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 2 Negotiated Service Agreements and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, March 26, 2010 (Notice).

² Docket No. CP2009–50, Order Granting Clarification and Adding Global Expedited Package Services 2 to the Competitive Product List, August 28, 2009 (Order No. 290).

because the GEPS agreements “incorporate the same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant cost and market characteristics are similar, if not the same . . .” despite any incidental differences. *Id.* at 6.

The Postal Service contends that its filings demonstrate that each of the new GEPS 2 contracts comply with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to previous GEPS 2 contracts. It also requests that the contracts be included within the GEPS 2 product. *Id.* at 7.

II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. CP2010–33, CP2010–34 and CP2010–35 for consideration of matters related to the contracts identified in the Postal Service’s Notice.

These dockets are addressed on a consolidated basis for purposes of this order. Filings with respect to a particular contract should be filed in that docket.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service’s contracts are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3622 or 3642. Comments are due no later than April 6, 2010. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Cassie D’Souza to serve as Public Representative in the captioned proceedings.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. CP2010–33, CP2010–34 and CP2010–35 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service’s Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than April 6, 2010.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Cassie D’Souza is appointed to serve as the officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

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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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12102 and #12103]

West Virginia Disaster #WV–00017

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of West Virginia (FEMA–1893–DR), dated 03/29/2010.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Mudslides and Landslides.

Incident Period: 03/12/2010 and continuing.

Effective Date: 03/29/2010.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/28/2010.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/29/2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President’s major disaster declaration on 03/29/2010, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Fayette, Mercer, Raleigh, Summers.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000
For Economic Injury:	
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 12102B and for economic injury is 12103B.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12094 and #12095]

New Hampshire Disaster #NH–00015

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of New Hampshire (FEMA–1892–DR), dated 03/29/2010.

Incident: Severe Winter Storm.

Incident Period: 02/23/2010 through 03/03/2010.

Effective Date: 03/29/2010.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/28/2010.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/29/2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President’s major disaster declaration on 03/29/2010, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, Sullivan.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000
For Economic Injury:	