

## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### National Council on Federal Labor- Management Relations Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations plans to meet on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 18, 2012.  
Wednesday, February 15, 2012.  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 1350, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20415. Interested parties should consult the Council Web site at <http://www.lmrcouncil.gov> for the latest information on Council activities, including changes in meeting dates.

The Council is an advisory body composed of representatives of Federal employee organizations, Federal management organizations, and senior government officials. The Council was established by Executive Order 13522, entitled, "Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services," which was signed by the President on December 9, 2009. Along with its other responsibilities, the Council assists in the implementation of Labor Management Forums throughout the government and makes recommendations to the President on innovative ways to improve delivery of services and products to the public while cutting costs and advancing employee interests. The Council is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget.

At its meetings, the Council will continue its work in promoting cooperative and productive relationships between labor and management in the executive branch, by carrying out the responsibilities and functions listed in Section 1(b) of the Executive Order. The meetings are open to the public. Please contact the Office of Personnel Management at the address shown below if you wish to present material to the Council at the meeting. The manner and time prescribed for presentations may be limited, depending upon the number of parties that express interest in presenting information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Curry, Deputy Associate Director for Partnership and Labor Relations, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street

NW., Room 7H28-E, Washington, DC 20415. Phone (202) 606-2930 or email at [PLR@opm.gov](mailto:PLR@opm.gov).

For the National Council.

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

**Docket No. CP2012-4; Order No. 1057]**

### New Postal Product

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recently-filed Postal Service request to enter into an additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 agreement. This document invites public comments on the request and addresses several related procedural steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* December 27, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

**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.

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

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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### I. Introduction

On December 9, 2011, the Postal Service filed notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5 and Order No. 546, informing the Commission that it has entered into a bilateral agreement with Canada Post Corporation (Canada Post 2012 Agreement or Agreement) and seeks to include the Agreement within the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with a Foreign Postal Operators 1 product.<sup>1</sup> The Notice

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive

concerns only the inbound portion of the Agreement; specifically, inbound Expedited Parcels USA and EMS for delivery in the United States. *Id.* at 4.

Attachments to the Notice include:

- Attachment 1—a redacted copy of the 2012–2013 bilateral agreement with Canada Post and supporting documents;

- Attachment 2—the certified statement, required under Commission rules, attesting to the accuracy of supporting data and explaining why, after the change, competitive products in total will be in compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(1) and (3);<sup>2</sup>

- Attachment 3—the certification of the Governors' vote in Governors' Decision No. 10–3; and

- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of certain materials.

The Postal Service also provided a redacted copy of the Agreement and supporting financial documentation as an Excel file. *Id.* at 3.

**Parent product.** In Order No. 546, the Commission approved the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Operators 1 product and included the TNT Agreement within the product at that time. It also acknowledged that the Postal Service proposed adding other functionally equivalent agreements as price categories within this product.<sup>3</sup> The Commission, pursuant to the proposed approach, subsequently found it appropriate to include several other bilateral agreements within the parent product.<sup>4</sup>

**Canada Post 2012 Agreement.** The Postal Service and Canada Post, the postal operator, are parties to the Agreement. The Agreement is to deliver inbound Expedited Parcels USA and EMS in the United States. The effective date of the rates for the items included in the Agreement is January 1, 2012. Notice at 4. The rates are to remain in effect for two years after the effective date, unless terminated sooner. *Id.*

**Functional equivalency.** The Postal Service asserts that the inbound portion

Multi-Service Agreement with a Foreign Postal Operator, December 9, 2011 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> Commission rule 3015.5(c)(2) addresses the required certification. Section 3633(a)(1) includes a prohibition against the subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products. Section 3633(a)(3) includes the requirement that all competitive products collectively cover what the Commission determines to be an appropriate share of the institutional costs of the Postal Service.

<sup>3</sup> "TNT Agreement" refers to Koninklijke TNT Post BV and TNT Post Pakketservice Benelux BV (TNT Agreement). See Order No. 546.

<sup>4</sup> The China Post Agreement was added in Order No. 859 (Docket No. CP2011-68). The Norway Post Agreement was added in Order No. 840 (Docket No. CP2011-69). The Australia Post Agreement was added in Order No. 956 (Docket No. CP2012-1).