I. Introduction

On August 13, 2015, the Postal Service filed notice that it has agreed to a Modification to the existing Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2 negotiated service agreement approved in this docket. In support of its Notice, the Postal Service includes a redacted copy of the Modification and a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), as required by 39 CFR 3015.5.

The Postal Service also filed the unredacted Modification and supporting financial information under seal. The Postal Service seeks to incorporate by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment originally filed in this docket for the protection of information that it has filed under seal. Notice at 1.

The Modification would extend the prices and other terms of the original agreement to February 17, 2016.

II. Notice of Filings

The Commission invites comments on whether the changes presented in the Postal Service’s Notice are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR 3015.5, and 39 CFR part 3026, subpart B. Comments are due no later than August 21, 2015. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints Kenneth R. Moeller to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Kenneth R. Moeller to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments are due no later than August 21, 2015.

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

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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I. Introduction

On August 13, 2015, the Postal Service filed a notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3010.40 et seq., announcing a Type 2 rate adjustment to improve default rates established under the Universal Postal Union Acts. The Notice concerns a bilateral agreement with Hongkong Post (Agreement) that the Postal Service contends is similar to the prior Hongkong Post 2014–2015 Agreement that the Commission included within the Inbound Market Dominant Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 product in the market dominant product list of the Mail Classification Schedule.

II. Contents of Filing

The Postal Service’s filing consists of the Notice, two attachments, and redacted and unredacted versions of an Excel file with supporting financial workpapers. Notice at 1–2. Attachment 1 is an application for non-public treatment of material filed under seal with the Commission. Id. at 1. Attachment 2 is a redacted copy of the Agreement. Id. The Postal Service includes a redacted version of the financial workpapers with its filing as a separate public Excel file. Id. at 1–2.

The Postal Service states that the intended effective date of the Agreement is October 1, 2015; asserts that it is providing at least the 45 days advance notice required under 39 CFR 3010.41; and identifies the parties to the Agreement as the United States Postal Service and Hongkong Post, the postal operator for Hong Kong. Id. at 2–3.

Reporting requirements. 39 CFR 3010.43 requires the Postal Service to submit a detailed data collection plan. In lieu of a special data collection plan for the Agreement, the Postal Service proposes to report information on the Agreement through the Annual Compliance Report. Id. at 5–6.

1 Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Modification to a Negotiated Service Agreement, August 13, 2015 (Notice).

2 Notice of United States Postal Service of Type 2 Rate Adjustment, and Notice of Filing Functionally Equivalent Agreement, August 13, 2015, at 1(Notice).