

- Approval of NRAO preliminary resolution
- NSF Director's report
- Closed committee reports
- NSB Chair's closing remarks

Plenary Board Meeting

Executive Closed Session: 4:30–5 p.m.

- NSB Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of executive closed session minutes for August 2015
- Elect four members to the Elections Committee (to nominate candidates for May 2016 elections of NSB Chair, Vice-Chair, and two Executive Committee members)
- Approval of Honorary Awards recommendations
- Report from the NOMS Committee
- Board member NSF grant awards
- NSB Chair's closing remarks

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Working Group on Administrative Burdens (AB)

Open Session: 8:30–9:15 a.m.

- AB Working Group Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of open AB working group minutes for August 2015
- Discussion of National Academies of Science Report
- AB Working Group Chair's closing remarks

Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF)

Open Session: 9:15–9:35 a.m.

- SCF Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of open SCF teleconference minutes from November 2, 2015
- Discussion of SCF's role and charge
- SCF Chair's closing remarks

Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)

Open Session: 9:35–10:10 a.m.

- CSB Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of CSB open minutes for the August 2015 meeting
- Approval of the 2014 Annual Portfolio Review
- Information Item: NSF International Strategy

GPP/SCF Joint Meeting

10:20–11:50 a.m.

- CPP Chair's opening remarks
- Discussion: The Evolving Needs of Science and Engineering Infrastructure
- Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS) update

Ad hoc Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans (NPP)

Open Session: 11:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.

- NPP Chair's opening remarks
- NPP Chair's report on NPP activities
- Discussion: New NSB product for monitoring large facilities

Committee on Education and Human Resources (CEH)

Open Session: 1:10–1:55 p.m.

- CEH Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of CEH open minutes for the August 2015 meeting
- Vision and plan for grand challenges in STEM education
- CEH Chair's closing remarks

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 1:55–2:10 p.m.

- NSB Chair's opening remarks
- NSF Director's remarks
- Approval of plenary open session minutes for August 2015 meeting
- Approval of the 2014 Annual Portfolio Review
- Confirm *ad hoc* Honorary Awards Committee as a standing committee
- Approval of the 2016 SEI Overview and Digest
- Approval of the OIG Semiannual Report to Congress
- Open committee reports
- NSB Chair's closing remarks

MEETING ADJOURNS: 2:10 p.m.

Kyscha Slater-Williams,

Program Specialist, National Science Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.
ACTION: Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by December 14, 2015. This

application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or ACApermits@nsf.gov or (703) 292-7149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

Application Details

1. Applicant

Permit Application: 2016-019

Dr. Diana H. Wall, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1036.

Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

ASP entry, Import. Applicant wishes to enter Cape Royds ASPA 121 to collect soil samples and associated invertebrates as well as benthic algal mats and underlying soil. This project follows up on several past surveys of orthinogenic soils conducted in this ASPA which examined invertebrate genetic distribution, and also explores the influence of climate change on soil invertebrate populations. The algae sampling is to also follow up on previous surveys, to examine the temporal stability of lake algal communities in the region. Soil samples of approximately 600 grams each would be collected at up to 30 sites within the ASPA using sterile collecting techniques. For benthic algae, at 6 sites along the shore of Poly Lake, the applicant and team would use a sanitized 2 cm copper coring apparatus to collect, by hand, 4 replicates of surface algal mats and 1–2 cm of underlying sediment. Samples would be transported back to the US for further study.

Location

ASPAs 121 Cape Royds

Dates

January 1, 2016 to February 15, 2016

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2016-14 and CP2016-17; Order No. 2809]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the addition of Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 21 negotiated service agreement to the competitive product list. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* November 16, 2015.

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

In accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*, the Postal Service filed a formal request and associated supporting information to add Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 21 to the competitive product list.¹

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a redacted contract related to the proposed new product under 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. Request, Attachment B.

¹ Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 21 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data, November 6, 2015 (Request).

To support its Request, the Postal Service filed a copy of the contract, a copy of the Governors' Decision authorizing the product, proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule, a Statement of Supporting Justification, a certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a), and an application for non-public treatment of certain materials. It also filed supporting financial workpapers.

II. Notice of Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-14 and CP2016-17 to consider the Request pertaining to the proposed Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 21 product and the related contract, respectively.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comments are due no later than November 16, 2015. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Curtis E. Kidd to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

III. Ordering Paragraphs*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2016-14 and CP2016-17 to consider the matters raised in each docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Curtis E. Kidd is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings (Public Representative).

3. Comments are due no later than November 16, 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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POSTAL SERVICE**Product Change—Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Negotiated Service Agreement**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to

the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Effective date:* November 13, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Reed, 202-268-3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on November 6, 2015, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail Contract 21 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2016-14, CP2016-17.

Stanley F. Mires,

Attorney, Federal Compliance.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-76390; File No. SR-NSX-2015-05]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Amending Rule 11.1, Hours of Trading, To Rescind Interpretations and Policies .01, "Cessation of Trading Operations on NSX;" Adopting Rule 11.25 Relating to Use of Market Data Feeds; Amending NSX Rule 11.13 Relating to the Order Delivery Mode of Order Interaction; Amending NSX Rule 11.11 To Remove Certain Order Types and Correct Technical Deficiencies in the Numbering of Certain Sections of the Rule; and Amending Rule 11.12, Cross Message and Making Conforming Amendments to NSX Rules 11.11(c) and 16.2

November 9, 2015.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act" or "Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 3, 2015, National Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NSX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change, as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.