(A) Collecting employee contributions through payroll deductions and remitting them to the program;
(B) Providing notice to the employees and maintaining records regarding the employer's collection and remittance of payments under the program;
(C) Providing information to the State or qualified political subdivision (or governmental agency or instrumentality of either) necessary to facilitate the operation of the program; and
(D) Distributing program information to employees from the State or qualified political subdivision (or governmental agency or instrumentality of either) and permitting the State or qualified political subdivision (or governmental agency or instrumentality of either) to publicize the program to employees;
(viii) The employer contributes no funds to the program and provides no bonus or other monetary incentive to employees to participate in the program;
(ix) The employer’s participation in the program is required by State or qualified political subdivision law;
(x) The employer has no discretionary authority, control, or responsibility under the program; and
(xi) The employer receives no direct or indirect consideration in the form of cash or otherwise, other than consideration (including tax incentives and credits) received directly from the State or qualified political subdivision (or governmental agency or instrumentality of either) that does not exceed an amount that reasonably approximates the employer’s (or a typical employer’s) costs under the program.

(2) A payroll deduction savings program will not fail to satisfy the provisions of paragraph (h)(1) of this section merely because the program—
(i) Is directed toward those employers that do not offer some other workplace savings arrangement;
(ii) Utilizes one or more service or investment providers to operate and administer the program, provided that the State or qualified political subdivision (or the governmental agency or instrumentality of either) retains full responsibility for the operation and administration of the program; or
(iii) Treats employees as having automatically elected payroll deductions in an amount or percentage of compensation, including any automatic increases in such amount or percentage, unless the employee specifically elects not to have such deductions made (or specifically elects to have the deductions made in a different amount or percentage of compensation allowed by the program), provided that the employee is given adequate advance notice of the right to make such elections, and provided, further, that a program may also satisfy this paragraph (h) without requiring or otherwise providing for automatic elections such as those described in this paragraph (h)(2)(iii).

(3) For purposes of this section, the term “State” shall have the same meaning as defined in section 3(10) of the Act.

(4) For purposes of this section, the term “qualified political subdivision” means any governmental unit of a State, including a city, county, or similar governmental body, that—
(i) Has the authority, implicit or explicit, under State law to require employers’ participation in the program as described in paragraph (h)(1)(ix) of this section;
(ii) Has a population equal to or greater than the population of the least populated State (excluding the District of Columbia and territories listed in section 3(10) of the Act); and
(iii) Is not located in a State that pursuant to State law establishes a statewide retirement savings program for private-sector employees.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of August, 2016.
Phyllis C. Borzi,
Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
39 CFR Part 3050
[Docket No. RM2016–12; Order No. 3482]

I. Introduction

On August 22, 2016, 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 an analytical method for use in periodic reporting. The Petition identifies the proposed analytical method changes filed in this docket as Proposal Four.

II. Proposal Four

Proposal Four concerns the treatment of purchased highway transportation costs within the Cost and Revenue Analysis report. The objective of the proposal is to improve the methodology for calculating attributable purchased highway costs by incorporating the variability of purchased highway transportation capacity with respect to volume into the calculation of attributable costs for purchased highway transportation. Petition at 2. In support of its Petition, the Postal Service has attached a report: “Research on Estimating the Variability of Purchased Highway Transportation Capacity with Respect to Volume” by Michael D. Bradley, Department of Economics, George Washington University.

III. Notice and Comment


I. Introduction

On August 22, 2016, 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 the Postal Service’s periodic reports. Proposal Two is attached to the Petition and proposes an analytical method change relating to the treatment of carrier costs within the International Cost and Revenue Analysis (ICRA) report. Petition at 1.

II. Summary of Proposal

Under Proposal Two, the Postal Service seeks to revise the method for distributing city carrier street and rural carrier costs to products in the ICRA report. Petition, Proposal Two at 1. Specifically, the Postal Service proposes to “align the ICRA methodology with the Cost and Revenue Analysis (CRA) methodology used for developing delivery costs.” Id. The Postal Service recommends synchronization of the methods for three elements of the city carrier street model (letter routes, special purpose routes, and support and other costs) and for one element of the rural carrier model. Id. The Postal Service asserts that this proposed change would result in improved accuracy of international cost estimates. Id. at 7.

III. Notice and Comment

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2016–10 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 Two no later than October 11, 2016. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Lawrence Fenster is designated as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs


2. Comments are due no later than October 11, 2016.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Lawrence Fenster 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.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Air Plan Approval; Reno, Nevada; Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Nevada (“State”), on July 3, 2008, the EPA redesignated the Truckee Meadows area, consisting largely of the cities of Reno and Sparks in Washoe County, Nevada, from nonattainment to attainment for the carbon monoxide National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and approved the State’s plan addressing the area’s maintenance of the NAAQS for ten years. On November 7, 2014, the State submitted to the EPA a second maintenance plan for the Truckee Meadows area that addressed maintenance of the NAAQS through 2030. The EPA is also proposing to find adequate and approve transportation conformity motor vehicle emissions budgets for the years 2015, 2020, 2025 and 2030. We are making this proposal under the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by September 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R09–OAR–2016–0096 at http://www.regulations.gov, or via email to John Kelly, Air Planning Office, at kelly.johnj@epa.gov. For comments...