

Attribution of city carrier letter route vehicle costs and calculation of office and street proportions that are used in the calculation of costs relating to city carrier labor. Petition, Proposal Twelve at 1.

#### *A. Attributing City Carrier Letter Route Vehicle Costs*

The Postal Service proposes to change the methodology for attributing costs relating to vehicles used on city carrier letter routes, including Motor Vehicle Service (MVS) Labor in Cost Segment 12.1, MVS Supplies and Materials in Cost Segment 12.2, and Vehicle Depreciation in Cost Segment 20. *Id.*

*Current methodology:* The Postal Service explains that currently city carrier letter route vehicle costs are divided into two pools: Delivery Activities and Network Travel for motorized letter routes. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service reports that “[i]n FY 2014, these respective proportions were approximately 42 and 58 percent.” *Id.* The Postal Service states that the current methodology multiplies each cost pool by the appropriate variability to determine attributable costs and that these “attributable costs are assigned to products in the same proportions as Cost Segment 7 letter route Delivery Activities costs.” *Id.*

*Proposed Methodology:* Building upon the new methodology approved by the Commission in Proposal Thirteen for the treatment of labor costs on city delivery letter routes, the Postal Service proposes to “calculate the attributable vehicle costs by multiplying the letter route vehicle costs by the new overall letter route street variability” and to assign the attributable costs to products using the proportions based on all letter route street costs. *Id.* The Postal Service represents that Proposal Twelve would also change the component structure of the CRA for Cost Segments 12 and 20. *Id.* at 4. Specifically, in Cost Segment 12, the Network Travel components 86 and 95 would be removed and components 83 and 92, currently named Delivery Activities, would be renamed City Delivery Letter Routes. *Id.* In Cost Segment 20, components 222 and 225 for Delivery Activities and Network Travel would be removed. *Id.* Component 223 would be established as City Delivery Special Purpose Routes (SPR) to assign SPR vehicle depreciation costs. *Id.* Finally, component 221 would be reactivated and named City Delivery Letter Routes. *Id.*

*Rationale:* The Postal Service represents that Proposal Twelve would align the calculation of vehicle use costs with the new street time methodology. *Id.* at 5. The Postal Service claims that

this treatment of city carrier vehicle costs is consistent with the long-standing practice of linking the treatment with the direct labor that uses these vehicles. *Id.* The Postal Service asserts that the “proposed methodology for vehicle use cost[s] recognizes that letter route carriers use their vehicles throughout their time on the street, while delivering mail, traversing the route, and while traveling to and from the route.” *Id.*

*Impact:* The Postal Service anticipates that under Proposal Twelve higher proportions of MVS Labor, MVS Supplies, and Vehicle Depreciation costs for city carriers will be attributed to products. *Id.* The Postal Service states that currently “Network Travel is not attributed and letter route Delivery Activities costs has a variability of 43 percent, which results in a combined variability of 18 percent.” *Id.* Under Proposal Twelve, the Postal Service represents that “the city carrier letter route costs for MVS Labor, MVS Supplies, and Vehicle Depreciation costs are attributed in the same proportion as all letter route street activities in Cost Segment 7, which results in an attribution level of 36 percent.” *Id.* at 5–6. For FY 2014, the Postal Service projects that Proposal Twelve would increase attributable costs by \$185 million. *Id.* at 6. The Postal Service illustrates the cost impact by product for Proposal Twelve in Table 1. *Id.* at 7.

#### *B. Calculating Office and Street Proportions*

The Postal Service proposes a minor change to the methodology for calculating office and street proportions that are used in the calculation of costs relating to city carrier labor for Vehicle Hire in Cost Segment 12.3 and Carfare and Driveout in Cost Segment 13.2. *Id.* at 1.

*Current methodology:* The Postal Service explains that it currently “develops office and street proportions for foot and motorized routes using [In-Office Cost System] IOCS office costs by route type and street costs by delivery mode.” *Id.* at 2.

*Proposed Methodology:* Building upon the new methodology approved by the Commission in Proposal Thirteen, the Postal Service proposes to develop office and street proportions for foot and motorized routes using Delivery Operations Information System workhours. *Id.* The Postal Service would also use city carrier costs for Delivery Activities and Network Travel to further divide the street proportions among these components. *Id.* at 4.

*Rationale:* The Postal Service claims that “Proposal Twelve would also align the calculation of office and street proportions with the new street time methodology.” *Id.* at 5.

*Impact:* The Postal Service illustrates the change in office and street proportions for Proposal Twelve in Table 2. *Id.* at 8.

### **III. Initial Commission Action**

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2016–3 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 Twelve no later than December 4, 2015. Reply comments are due no later than December 9, 2015. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Jennaca D. Upperman is designated as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

### **IV. Ordering Paragraphs**

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2016–3 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal Twelve), filed November 20, 2015.

2. Comments are due no later than December 4, 2015. Reply comments are due no later than December 9, 2015.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Jennaca D. Upperman to serve as 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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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **47 CFR Parts 0, 1, 2 and 15**

[ET Docket No. 13–44; Report No. 3030]

### **Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Petitions for reconsideration.

**SUMMARY:** Petitions for Reconsideration (Petitions) have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceeding by: Chuck Powers, on behalf of Motorola Solutions, Inc., and Brian Scarpelli, on behalf of Telecommunications Industry Association.

**DATES:** Oppositions to the Petitions must be filed on or before December 15, 2015. Replies to an opposition must be filed on or before December 28, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Butler, Office of Engineering and Technology Bureau, (202) 418-2702, email: [Brian.Butler@fcc.gov](mailto:Brian.Butler@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of Commission's document, Report No. 3030, released October 22, 2015. The full text of the Petitions is available for viewing and copying at the FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554 or may be accessed online via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. The Commission will not send a copy of this Notice pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), because this Notice does not have an impact on any rules of particular applicability.

*Subject:* Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, and 15 of the Commission's Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment; Amendment of Part 68 regarding Approval of Terminal Equipment by Telecommunications Certification Bodies, published at 80 FR 33425, June 12, 2015, in ET Docket No. 13-44; RM-11652, FCC 14-208. This Notice is published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e) of the Commission's rules. See also 47 CFR 1.4(b)(1).

*Number of Petitions Filed:* 2.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 195

[Docket No. PHMSA-2015-0173]

#### Pipeline Safety: Notice of Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of gas pipeline advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a public meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC). The committee will meet to consider and vote on the proposed rule, "Pipeline Safety: Expanding the Use of Excess Flow Valves in Gas Distribution Systems to Applications Other Than Single-Family Residences" published in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 2015.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The public may attend the meeting at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. Please register for the meeting or contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by December 1, 2015.

The GPAC will take part in the meeting by telephone conference call. Attendees should register in advance at <https://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/meetings/MtgHome.mtg?mtg=108> and indicate whether you will attend in person or by telephone. PHMSA will post the call-in information and room number on the meeting page and on the PHMSA, Pipeline Safety Advisory Committee Web page: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/regs/technical-advisory-commmeeting> about 15 days before the meeting takes place.

Comments on the meeting may be submitted to the docket in the following ways:

*E-Gov Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

*Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

*Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-001.

*Hand Delivery:* Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building,

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal Holidays.

*Instructions:* Identify the docket numbers, PHMSA-2011-0009 and PHMSA-2015-0173 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, you may want to review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or view the Privacy Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

*Docket:* For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2011-0009 and PHMSA 2015-0173." The Docket Clerk will date-stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

#### Privacy Act Statement

Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (70 FR 19477) or visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to seek special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel at 202-366-4431 by December 1, 2015.