

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division, (disclosure@pbgc.gov), Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024–2101; or, calling 202–229–4040 during normal business hours. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PBGC's regulations prescribe actuarial valuation methods and assumptions (including interest rate assumptions) to be used to determine the actuarial present value of benefits under single-employer plans in involuntary or distress terminations (29 CFR part 4044) and the present value of benefits and certain assets under multiemployer plans that undergo a mass withdrawal of contributing employers (29 CFR part 4281). In each month immediately preceding the start of a new calendar quarter, PBGC publishes the interest assumption to be used under those regulations for plans terminating or undergoing mass withdrawal during the next quarter.

The interest assumption is intended to reflect current conditions in the group annuity markets. To determine the interest assumption, PBGC gathers premium rate data from insurance companies that are providing annuity contracts to terminating pension plans through a quarterly survey. The American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) distributes the survey and provides PBGC with “double blind” data (*i.e.*, PBGC is unable to match responses with the insurance companies that submitted them). PBGC also uses the information from the surveys to determine the interest assumption it uses to value benefits payable to participants and beneficiaries in PBGC-trusted plans for purposes of PBGC's financial statements.

PBGC intends to make conforming, clarifying, and editorial changes to the survey forms and instructions.

This voluntary survey is directed at insurance companies most, if not all, of which are members of ACLI. The survey is conducted quarterly and approximately 10 insurance companies

will be asked to participate. PBGC estimates that about six insurance companies will respond to the survey each quarter, and that each survey will require approximately 30 minutes to complete and return. The total burden is estimated to be 12 hours (30 minutes per survey x four surveys per year x six respondents per quarter).

The existing collection of information was approved under OMB control number 1212–0030 (expires July 31, 2024). PBGC intends to request that OMB approve PBGC's use of this form for 3 years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2024–169 and CP2024–175]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* February 6, 2024.

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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern Market Dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s)

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

that the Postal Service states concern Competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2024–169 and CP2024–175; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 176 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 29, 2024; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative*: Samuel Robinson; *Comments Due*: February 6, 2024.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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Alternate Certifying Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–99440; File No. SR–NYSEARCA–2024–10]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule

January 29, 2024.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)² and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on January 25, 2024, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” 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 prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to modify the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) regarding the Floor Broker Fixed Cost Prepayment Incentive

Program (the “FB Prepay Program”). The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective January 25, 2024.⁴ The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amend the Fee Schedule to modify the FB Prepay Program. The Exchange proposes to implement the rule change on January 25, 2024.

The FB Prepay Program is a prepayment incentive program that allows Floor Brokers to prepay certain of their annual Eligible Fixed Costs in exchange for volume rebates. Participating Floor Brokers receive their monthly rebate amount on a monthly basis.⁵ All Floor Brokers that participate in the FB Prepay Program are eligible for a rebate on manual billable volume of (\$0.08) per billable side, payable on a monthly basis. In addition, FB Prepay Program participants that achieve more than 500,000 billable sides in a month are eligible for an additional rebate of (\$0.02) per billable side. The additional (\$0.02) is retroactive to the first billable side. Manual billable volume includes transactions for which at least one side is subject to manual transaction fees and excludes QCCs. Any volume calculated to achieve the Limit of Fees on Options

Strategy Executions (“Strategy Cap”), regardless of whether this cap is achieved, is likewise excluded from the Manual Billable Rebate Program because fees on such volume are already capped and therefore such volume does not increase billable manual volume. The Exchange notes that it places a \$2,000,000 per firm, monthly maximum limit on the rebates earned through the Manual Billable Rebate Program when combined with “Submitting Broker QCC Credits.”⁶

Floor Brokers that wish to participate in the FB Prepay Program for the following calendar year must notify the Exchange no later than the last business day of December in the current year.⁷ The Exchange does not issue any refunds in the event that a Floor Broker organization’s prepaid Eligible Fixed Costs exceeds actual costs.

The Exchange proposes to modify the FB Prepay Program as follows. First, the Exchange proposes to increase the maximum allowable combined Submitting Broker QCC credits and Floor Broker rebates earned through the Manual Billable Rebate Program (the “Maximum Combined Rebate/Credit”) to \$2,500,000 per month per firm, an increase from the current maximum of \$2,000,000. The proposed increase is designed to encourage Floor Broker firms to continue to direct transactions to the Exchange, despite increasing industry volumes making it less difficult to attain the maximum rebate.

Next, the Exchange proposes to modify the FB Prepay Program to

⁶ See Fee Schedule, FB Prepay Program, endnote 17 (providing in relevant part that “Submitting Broker QCC credits and Floor Broker rebates earned through the Manual Billable Rebate Program shall not combine to exceed \$2,500,000 per month per firm”). A “Submitting Broker QCC credit” is available to any broker submitting a QCC transaction to the Exchange (a “Submitting Broker”), whether the broker is a Floor Broker on the Trading Floor or a broker that enters orders electronically through an interface with the Exchange. The Exchange provides a (\$0.22) per contract credits to Submitting Brokers for Non-Customer vs. Non-Customer QCC transactions and a (\$0.16) per contract credit to Submitting Brokers for Customer vs. Non-Customer QCC transactions. See Fee Schedule, NYSE Arca OPTIONS: TRADE-RELATED CHARGES FOR STANDARD OPTIONS, QUALIFIED CONTINGENT CROSS (“QCC”) TRANSACTION FEES AND CREDITS.

⁷ See Fee Schedule, FB Prepay Program (providing, in relevant part, that the notification “email to enroll in the Program must originate from an officer of the Floor Broker organization and, except as provided for below, represents a binding commitment through the end of the following calendar year.”). The Exchange proposes to modify Section III.E. [sic] of the Fee Schedule to remove the now obsolete phrase “except as provided for below,” as there is no exception to the notification requirement, which modification will add clarity, transparency, and internal consistency to the Fee Schedule. See proposed Fee Schedule, FB Prepay Program.

⁴ The Exchange originally filed to amend the Fee Schedule on January 2, 2024 (NYSEArca–2023–90) [sic] and withdrew such filing on January 12, 2024 (SR–NYSEArca–2024–07) [sic], which latter filing the Exchange withdrew on January 25, 2024.

⁵ See Fee Schedule, Floor Broker Fixed Cost Prepayment Incentive Program (the “FB Prepay Program”). The Exchange notes that the FB Prepay Program is currently structured similarly to the Floor Broker prepayment program offered by its affiliated exchange, NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4.