

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:* July 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <https://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

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

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

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such 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 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). The Public Representative does not represent any individual person, entity or particular point of view, and, when Commission

attorneys are appointed, no attorney-client relationship is established. Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. 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 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. *See* 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)-(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

II. Public Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* K2026-166; *Filing Title:* USPS Request Concerning Amendment One to Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage & Parcel Select Contract 9, with Material Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* July 14, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 CFR. 3035.105 and 39 CFR 3041.505; *Public Representative:* Christopher Mohr; *Comments Due:* July 22, 2026.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2026-305 and K2026-301; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add New Mid-Market Standardized Distinct Product, PM-GA Contract 1039, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* July 14, 2026; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

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

Danielle LeFlore,
Legal Assistant.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of new systems of records.

SUMMARY: The United States Postal Service (USPS) is proposing to create a new General Privacy Act System of Records (SOR) to coincide with its proposal to amend the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), regarding the transmission of mail-in or absentee ballots for federal elections. *See* U.S. Postal Service, *Proposed Rule: Ballot Mail for Federal Elections*, 91 FR 32,915 (June 2, 2026). The proposal to amend the DMM is the subject of active litigation, including two injunctions that are currently being appealed. The Postal Service will not publish a final rule unless and until the government obtains relief from all relevant injunctions. In the event that the Postal Service obtains such relief and thereafter publishes a final rule that proceeds with the DMM amendments, it intends this System of Record to take effect on the timeline set forth below.

DATES: If the Postal Service issues a final rule to amend the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM), regarding the transmission of mail-in or absentee ballots for federal elections. *See* U.S. Postal Service, *Proposed Rule: Ballot Mail for Federal Elections*, 91 FR 32,915 (June 2, 2026), this System of Record will become effective without further notice on the latest of (1) 30 days from the publication date of this Notice, if no comments are received; (2) the publication date of the Postal Service's responses to comments received (which will under no circumstances be published prior to 30 days from the publication date of this Notice); or (3) the effective date of any final rule in connection with that rulemaking. If the Postal Service does not issue any final rule in connection with that rulemaking, then this System of Record will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via email to the Privacy and Records Management Office, United

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).

States Postal Service Headquarters at USPSPrivacyFedRegNotice@usps.gov. To facilitate public inspection, arrangements to view copies of any written comments received will be made upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Privacy Office, 202–268–2000 or USPSPrivacyFedRegNotice@usps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish their systems of records in the **Federal Register** when there is a revision, change, or addition, or when the agency establishes a new system of records (SOR). The Postal Service has determined that the creation of a new SOR would be necessary if it issues a final rule that is similar to the proposal set forth in its June 2, 2026, notice of proposed rulemaking. See U.S. Postal Service, *Proposed Rule: Ballot Mail for Federal Elections*, 91 FR 32,915 (June 2, 2026).

I. Background

On March 31, 2026, the President issued Executive Order 14399, *Ensuring Citizenship Verification and Integrity in Federal Elections* (“Order”). Following the issuance of the Order, the Postal Service issued a proposed rule that (if finalized) would apply uniform standards for themailing of absentee ballots, which the Postal Service understands will facilitate the faithful execution of federal law. See U.S. Postal Service, *Proposed Rule: Ballot Mail for Federal Elections*, 91 FR 32,915 (June 2, 2026). That rulemaking is ongoing, subject to injunctions issued in cases regarding the proposed rule.

II. Rationale for Creation of a New USPS Privacy Act Systems of Records

In conjunction with the proposed rule, which would amend the Domestic Mail Manual, the Postal Service is also proposing to create a new Privacy Act SOR to maintain a list of individuals, each individual’s address, the unique Intelligent Mail barcodes printed on each individual’s outbound and return ballot envelope for a federal election, and the state or political subdivision thereof that issued such ballot for inclusion on a state’s Mail-in and Absentee Participation List. If the rulemaking results in a final rule and this new SOR takes effect, the information covered by this SOR would be provided to the Postal Service by the chief election official of each state or any individual or entity, such as a mail service provider or an election official of that state or a political subdivision

thereof, authorized by the chief election official to provide such information.

III. Description of the New or Modified System of Records

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit relevant written data, views, arguments or comments on this proposal. A report of the proposed new SOR has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their evaluation. The Postal Service does not expect this new SOR to have any adverse effect on individual privacy rights. The new SOR is provided below in its entirety.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

USPS 820.225 Federal Ballot Mail.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

USPS Headquarters, Supplier cloud computing environment.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Chief Customer and Marketing Officer and Executive Vice President, United States Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

Chief Information Officer and Executive Vice President, United States Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

39 U.S.C. 401 and 404.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

1. To help determine adherence to federal law and facilitate law enforcement efforts.
2. To receive a list of individuals to whom a mail-in or absentee ballot is sent for a federal election, each individual’s address, the unique Intelligent Mail barcode printed on the outbound and return ballot envelopes containing themail-in or absentee ballot that was sent to each individual, and the issuing state of such ballot provided by a state’s chief election official, or an authorized designee.
3. To provide relevant election officials access to a Postal Service Federal Ballot Portal web page for submitting lists described in purpose 2.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals receiving an absentee or mail-in ballot for federal elections through the U.S. Mail.

Individuals using the Postal Service Federal Ballot Portal.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

1. *Mail in voter information:* Name, address, Unique IMb barcode numbers, originating election office state.

2. *Postal Service Ballot Portal Users:* Name, email address, password, username, phone number, position/title, affiliated election jurisdiction, address

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

State, or authorized designee, provided lists of individuals, addresses, and barcodes.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

Standard routine uses 1. through 9.

Further, the following special routine use will apply:

1. For federal elections to the chief election official of each state; any authorized election official of that state or a political subdivision thereof who is responsible for sending mail-in or absentee ballots to eligible voters of that state or jurisdiction; or an individual or entity that an election official has authorized to send mail-in or absentee ballots by mail on the election official’s behalf.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Automated database, computer storage media, digital files, and paper files.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrievable by personal identifiers including first and last name, address, issuing state, and barcode.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retained for 5 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Paper records, computers, and computer storage media are located in controlled-access areas under supervision of program personnel. Access to the facility is limited to authorized personnel, who must be identified with a badge. The facility is not open to the public. Access to records is limited to individuals whose official duties require such access.

Contractors and licensees are subject to contract controls and unannounced on-site audits and inspections. Computers are protected by mechanical locks, card key systems, or other physical access control methods.

The use of computer systems is regulated with installed security software, computer logon identifications, and operating system

controls including access controls, terminal and transaction logging, and file management software. Access is controlled by logon ID and password. Online data transmissions are protected by encryption.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Requests for access must be made in accordance with the Notification Procedure above and USPS Privacy Act regulations regarding access to records and verification of identity under 39 CFR 266.5.

CONTESTING RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

See Notification Procedure and Record Access Procedures.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals wanting to know if information about them is maintained in this system of records must address inquiries to the system manager in writing. Inquiries should include name, address, email address and other identifying information that confirms the requestor's identity.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

None.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

1. Title and purpose of information collection: Certification Regarding Rights to Unemployment Benefits; OMB 3220-0079.

Under Section 4 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) (45 U.S.C. 354), an employee who leaves work voluntarily is disqualified for unemployment benefits unless the employee left work for good cause and is not qualified for unemployment benefits under any other law. RRB Form UI-45, *Claimant's Statement—Voluntary Leaving of Work*, is used by the RRB to obtain the claimant's

statement when the claimant, the claimant's employer, or another source indicates that the claimant has voluntarily left work.

Completion of Form UI-45 is required to obtain or retain benefits. One response is received from each respondent. The RRB proposes the following changes to Form UI-45:

- In Paperwork Reduction Act/Privacy Act Notices, changed last sentence to "If you wish, send comments regarding the accuracy of our estimate, or any other aspect of this form, including suggestions for reducing completion time, to: Railroad Retirement Board, ATTN: Bureau of Information Services/Policy & Compliance, 844 N Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-1275."

- Below Paperwork Reduction Act/Privacy Act Notices, changed to "Print all answers in ink."

- In Section 1.C., added new sentence "Include attempts you made to address issues or grievances with the employer prior to leaving."

- In Section 3.A., changed to "Have you applied for and/or claimed any state unemployment benefits of unemployment benefits under any law other than the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act? If "Yes," show the name, address, and telephone number of the office/agency where you applied. If "No," go to section 4."

- In Section 3.B, changed to "Have you been denied any such benefits? If "Yes," attach a copy of the notice or decision from the unemployment office at which you applied."

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form No.	Annual responses	Time (minutes)	Burden (hours)
UI-45	176	15	44
Total	176		44

2. Title and purpose of information collection: Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire; OMB 3220-0138.

Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) (45 U.S.C. 231a) provides for payment of annuities to qualified employees and their spouses. In order to receive an age and service annuity, Section 2(e)(3) states that an applicant must stop all railroad work and give up any rights to return to such work. However, applicants are not required to stop nonrailroad work or self-employment.

The RRB considers some work claimed as "self-employment" to actually be employment for an employer. Whether the RRB classifies a particular activity as self-employment or as work for an employer depends upon the circumstances of each case. These circumstances are prescribed in 20 CFR 216.

Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, an applicant is no longer required to stop work for a "Last Pre-Retirement Nonrailroad Employer" (LPE). However, Section 2(f)(6) of the RRA requires that a portion of the employee's Tier II

benefit and supplemental annuity be deducted for earnings from the "LPE."

The "LPE" is defined as the last person, company, or institution with whom the employee or spouse applicant was employed concurrently with, or after, the applicant's last railroad employment and before their annuity beginning date. If a spouse never worked for a railroad, the LPE is the last person for whom he or she worked.

The RRB utilizes Form AA-4, *Self-Employment and Substantial Service Questionnaire*, to obtain information needed to determine if the work the applicant claims is self-employment is