

and Geospatial Technology Services; Short-Term Rental/Conference and Training Center Services; Lease Agreements; and Contracting Services.⁹

III. Proposal

The Postal Service explains that in December of 2025 (FY 2026 Quarter 1) it entered into an agreement with the United States Census Bureau (“Census”) to participate in a pilot study wherein mail carriers would assist in providing “enumeration support” for the 2026 Census Test Run. Proposal at 2. “In-field enumeration” involves Census employees or other designees attempting to contact residents who did not respond to the mailed Census form. *Id.* Activities conducted by mail carriers “mainly included a review of the Census provided addresses that ha[d] not responded to the Census form that [were] on their route[.]” “provid[ing] vacancy status of . . . residence[s],” “educat[ing] potential respondents on completing the survey,” and “administer[ing] the survey in person if needed.” *Id.* Both city and rural carriers participated in the pilot, after receiving training from Census. *Id.* Carriers “used the knowledge of their routes to resolve enumeration cases that were assigned to known vacant addresses[.]” and “[t]he remaining enumeration cases [were] then . . . attempted along the carrier’s line of travel.” *Id.* Carriers used their Mobile Delivery Devices (MDDs) to record their time spent on Census activities. *Id.*

Because the Postal Service asserts that the Census IAA does not fall neatly within any of the existing IAA categories, the Postal Service proposes a new IAA category to be called “Side-Along Services,” to which the Census IAA and any subsequent similar IAAs would be assigned. *Id.* at 2–3. Noting that the 2026 Census Test Run was a pilot, the Postal Service asserts that “[t]he proposed inclusion of this category does not guarantee such an agreement would exist in the future but would provide the appropriate reporting structure for this type of agreement.” *Id.* at 3.

The Postal Service “proposes a simple cost structure for [the Side-Along Services] category.” *Id.* It states that “[s]ince total Census activity time was recorded by each carrier, the total hours can be converted to costs by multiplying each craft type’s respective productive hourly wage rate and piggyback factor.” *Id.* The Postal Service concedes that

“[i]n the future, each agreement would need to be evaluated for additional cost characteristics,” but states that “that process would not deviate from current evaluations that occur with new and unique IAAs.” *Id.* The Postal Service provides, under seal, a sample cost structure using FY 2025 rates and factors with preliminary hourly data. *Id.*

The Postal Service asserts that if its proposal is approved by late November, it will be able to use the new “Side-Along Services” category to organize and present final (as opposed to preliminary) cost and revenue information in the FY 2026 *Annual Compliance Report*. *Id.*

IV. Notice and Comment

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11(d)(1), the Commission establishes Docket No. RM2027–2 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. More information on the Petition may be accessed via the Commission’s website at <https://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition and the Postal Service’s Proposal by October 28, 2026. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Christopher Mohr is designated as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

V. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2027–2 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service to Initiate a Proceeding to Change Analytical Principles, filed October 5, 2026.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due October 28, 2026.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Christopher Mohr to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

4. This Order, or abstract thereof, will be published in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Danielle LeFlore,
Legal Assistant.

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[PS Docket Nos. 21–346 and 15–80; ET Docket No. 04–35; Report No. 3236; FR ID 372261]

Petition for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceeding

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Petition for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) has been filed in the Commission’s proceeding by Thomas Goode on behalf of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions.

DATES: Oppositions to the Petition must be filed on or before October 29, 2026. Replies to oppositions to the Petition must be filed on or before November 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission’s document, Report No. 3236, released September 23, 2026. The full text of the Petition can be accessed online via the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System at: <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/> and downloaded at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/26110061418/1>. The Commission will not send a Congressional Review Act (CRA) submission to Congress or the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A), because no rules are being adopted by the Commission.

Subject: Resilient Networks; Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications (PS Docket Nos. 21–346 and 15–80; ET Docket No. 04–35).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Federal Communications Commission.

Aleta Bowers,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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⁹ See Order No. 6659; Docket No. RM2026–4, Order on Analytical Principles Used for Periodic Reports Concerning Updating Interagency Agreement Reporting for Hybrid Agreements, June 18, 2026 (Order No. 9617).