

(8) Project Evaluation.

The *Strategic Growth Plan* (SGP) builds upon the SIP and shifts the focus from early implementation to the NSF Engine's longer-term growth and sustainability. Beginning in year four, NSF Engines develop a forward-looking strategy for the Growth phase of the award, with additional planning refinement, and finalization occurring in year five. The SGP addresses:

(1) A strategy for establishing the RoS as a national leader in the NSF Engine's technology area(s);

(2) Strategies for attracting, creating, and supporting businesses in the region;

(3) Goals, strategies, milestones, and measures of progress for research and development, translation, workforce and economic development;

(4) A sustainability plan describing how the RoS will maintain and increase

economic growth beyond NSF funding; and

(5) Strategies for sustaining NSF Engine activities, programs, and other efforts important to continued research, translation, workforce development, and economic growth within the RoS.

Use of the Information: NSF uses the information from these four types of reports to monitor implementation and performance; assess progress toward established goals, milestones, and outcomes; identify risks and areas requiring attention; ensure compliance with award terms and conditions; and support program management, evaluation, and reporting to NSF leadership, the Administration, and Congress.

The reporting requirements also provide a consistent record of how each NSF Engine develops over time. The Quarterly Reports and ERT capture

ramp-up and ongoing implementation and performance to determine whether NSF Engines are advancing their proposed strategies and developing partnerships, capabilities, and resources needed to sustain their regional innovation ecosystems over time. The SIP and SGP provide details to NSF on each NSF Engine's forward-looking plans in order to make decisions about continued funding for the NSF Engine during phase transitions and establish the metrics that will be reported against in future ERTs.

Burden on the Public: The reporting requirements applicable to an individual NSF Engine vary based on its stage of development and year of the award. Table 1 summarizes each reporting component, the anticipated number of respondents and responses, and the estimated burden per response.

TABLE 1—REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ESTIMATED BURDEN PER RESPONSE

Reporting component	Number of NSF engines reporting	Number of responses per year	Minimum burden per response (hours)	Maximum burden per response (hours)	Respondent types
ERT Reports	21	2	10	20	NSF Engine CEO, Leadership team, Evaluation Lead, Communications Lead.
Quarterly Reports (only in year 1 of the new projects).	12	2	10	20	NSF Engine CEO, Leadership team, Evaluation Lead, Communications Lead.
Strategic and Implementation Plan (SIP).	12	1	Year 1: 40 Year 2: 50	Year 1: 80 Year 2: 100	NSF Engine CEO, Leadership team, Advisory entities.
Strategic Growth Plan (SGP)	21	1	Year 3: 5 Year 4: 50 Year 5: 100	Year 3: 10 Year 4: 150 Year 5: 120	NSF Engine CEO, Leadership team, Advisory entities.

Because the reporting requirements vary over the lifetime of an NSF Engine award, the burden estimates in Table 1 do not apply simultaneously to every NSF Engine. For example, a newly awarded NSF Engine would incur an estimated 80–160 hours of reporting burden in Year 1 for ERT Reports, Quarterly Reports, and SIP; 70–140 hours in Year 2 for ERT Reports and SIP; 25–50 hours in Year 3 for ERT Reports and SGP. This yields an estimated three-year total burden of 175–350 hours per each newly awarded Engine.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2027–10 and K2027–11; MC2027–11 and K2027–12; MC2027–12 and K2027–13]

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.

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:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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)

None. *See* Section III for summary proceedings.

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).

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*: MC2027–10 and K2027–11; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add New Mid-Market Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 1111, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 15, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

2. *Docket No(s)*: MC2027–11 and K2027–12; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add New Fulfillment Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 1112, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 15, 2026; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3633, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.325.

3. *Docket No(s)*: MC2027–12 and K2027–13; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add New Mid-Market Standardized Distinct Product, PM–GA Contract 1113, and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 15, 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**.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–106675; File No. SR–FINRA–2026–004]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Partial Amendment No. 1, To Amend FINRA Rule 2210 (Communications With the Public)

October 15, 2026.

I. Introduction

On February 10, 2026, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, ² a proposed rule change to amend FINRA Rule 2210 (Communications with the Public) to allow a member broker-dealer (“member”) to project performance or provide a targeted return with respect to

a security, a securities portfolio, or an asset allocation or other investment strategy in its communications with the public, subject to specified conditions.³

The proposed rule change was published for public comment in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2026.⁴ The comment period closed on March 18, 2026. The Commission received comment letters in response to the Notice.⁵ On April 7, 2026, FINRA consented to extend until May 26, 2026, the time period in which the Commission must approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁶ On May 18, 2026, the Commission received a letter from FINRA stating, among other things, that it anticipated submitting a response to comments, as well as amendments to the proposed rule change.⁷ On May 20, 2026, the Commission published an order instituting proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change (“OIP”).⁸ The Commission received comment letters in response to the OIP.⁹ On June 30, 2026, FINRA responded to the comment letters received in response to the Notice and OIP ¹⁰ and filed a partial amendment to the proposed rule change

³ *See* Exchange Act Release No. 104877 (Feb. 20, 2026), 91 FR 9308, 9313 (Feb. 25, 2026) (File No. SR–FINRA–2026–004) (“Notice”), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-25/pdf/2026-03705.pdf>. FINRA stated that projections of performance “reflect an estimate of the future performance of an investment or investment strategy, which is often based on historical data and assumptions . . . [and] are commonly established through mathematical modeling,” and targeted returns “reflect the aspirational performance goals for an investment or investment strategy.” *Id.*

⁴ Notice.

⁵ The comment letters received in response to the Notice are available at <https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/public-comments/sr-fina-2026-004>.

⁶ *See* letter from Joseph Savage, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, FINRA, dated Apr. 7, 2026, <https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/2026-04/SR-FINRA-2026-004-Extension-5-26-2026.pdf>.

⁷ Letter from David Driscoll, Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, FINRA, dated May 18, 2026 (“FINRA Response I”), <https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/2026-05/SR-FINRA-2026-004-Response-to-Comments-20260518.pdf>.

⁸ *See* Exchange Act Release No. 105524 (May 20, 2026), 91 FR 30750 (May 26, 2026) (File No. SR–FINRA–2026–004), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-05-26/pdf/2026-10365.pdf>.

⁹ The comment letters received in response to the OIP are available at <https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/public-comments/sr-fina-2026-004>.

¹⁰ *See* letter from Joseph Savage, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, FINRA, dated Jun. 30, 2026 (“FINRA Response II”), <https://www.sec.gov/comments/SR-FINRA-2026-004/srfina2026004-913220-2799313.pdf>.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.