by the private sector, of $100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rule contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 8

Insurance; Veterans.

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on November 10, 2026, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Gabriela DeCuir,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Department of Veterans Affairs proposes to amend 38 CFR part 8 as set forth below:

PART 8—NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE

■ 1. The authority citation for part 8 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 1901–1929, 1981–1988, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. In § 8.2, add paragraph (f) to read as follows:

§ 8.2 Payment of premiums.

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(f) *What effect does a paid-up declaration have upon the payment of premiums?* Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section, no premiums shall be due or payable for any policy described in § 8.37 on and after the effective date specified therein.

■ 3. Add the undesignated center heading ''Other Provisions'' immediately before § 8.31.

■ 4. Add § 8.37 to read as follows:

§ 8.37 Paid-up status of National Service Life Insurance.

(a) *Paid-up declaration and effective date.* Effective [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE FINAL RULE IN THE **Federal Register**], all National Service Life Insurance policies issued under 38 U.S.C. 1904 with policy prefix V and policies issued under 38 U.S.C. 1925 with policy prefixes J and JR that are not paid-up, terminated, or in force under the extended term insurance provision (§ 8.14) are considered paid-up and no further premiums are required to maintain such policies in force. A policy that is in force under extended term insurance as of the paid-up declaration effective date and is later approved for reinstatement under § 8.7 shall be considered paid-up as of the paid-up declaration effective date, and no premiums shall be required to maintain such policy in force for any period beginning on or after that date.

(b) *Continuation of policy provisions.* Upon entering into non-premium-paying status following the paid-up declaration under paragraph (a), such policies shall remain in effect subject to all contract provisions and applicable regulations except for the premium-payment requirements.

(c) *Advance premiums.* Any premiums paid in advance but not yet applied as of the paid-up declaration effective date shall be held on deposit on the policy of the insured to accrue interest until the insured requests a refund or until the policy matures. If the insured requests a refund, or if the policy matures before the insured requests a refund, VA will remit the advance premiums plus any accrued interest.

(d) *Effect of paid-up status on other provisions.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, for any policy described in § 8.37(a):

(1) No premiums may be billed, collected, remitted, deducted, or otherwise required under §§ 8.2 through 8.5 as of the paid-up declaration date.

(2) Any lien or policy loan existing on a policy as of the paid-up declaration date shall remain in effect and shall continue to be subject to the terms of the policy and to §§ 8.11 through 8.15, as applicable. Nothing in this section shall be construed to cancel, forgive, or otherwise alter any such indebtedness or lien.

(3) Dividends shall be held on deposit on the policy of the insured to accrue interest in accordance with § 8.10(g), unless the insured elects another option under § 8.10(e)–(g).

(4) Any pre-authorized debit, allotment, or deduction authorization related to premium payment shall automatically terminate on the paid-up declaration effective date.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3050

[Docket No. RM2027–3; Order No. 9796]

Periodic Reporting

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Commission is acknowledging a recent Postal Service filing requesting the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to periodic reports. This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due November 27, 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

On November 6, 2026, the Postal Service filed a petition pursuant to 39 CFR 3050.11 requesting that the Commission initiate a rulemaking proceeding to consider changes to analytical principles relating to the Postal Service's Priority Mail transportation model.[1] The Petition proposes replacing sample data from the Origin-Destination Information System—Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (ODIS–RPW) with Product Tracking and Reporting (PTR)[2] data to measure

[1] Petition of the United States Postal Service to Initiate a Proceeding to Change Analytical Principles, November 6, 2026 (Petition). The proposed change is attached to the Petition (Proposal).

[2] PTR stores tracking data for all barcoded packages and extra services, delivering real-time updates to customers. PTR captures tracking events continuously from label creation to final delivery, aggregating data from a variety of sources including mailer data, handheld scanners, retail terminals, and mail processing equipment. United States Postal Service, PostalPro, Product Tracking and Reporting (PTR), *https://postalpro.usps.com/product-tracking-and-reporting.*

Priority Mail weight and volume by origin-destination ZIP Code pair. Petition, Proposal at 1. The Postal Service states that it is not seeking to change the underlying conceptual methodology of the current Priority Mail model but only looking to change one data source. *Id.*

The Postal Service also filed a supporting folder under seal containing model outputs and the proposed change's effect on unit costs by zone.[3] The Postal Service states that the folder contains commercially sensitive information similar to information reported in Library Reference USPS–LR–NP27 in its *Annual Compliance Report.* Petition at 1. The Postal Service therefore adopts by reference its application for non-public treatment filed in Docket No. ACR2025.[4]

II. Proposal

Background. The Postal Service contends that PTR should replace ODIS–RPW because PTR provides more complete data, considering the ODIS–RPW sample reduction approved in Commission Order No. 9449 took effect in FY 2026, Quarter 4.[5] The Postal Service notes that, in Docket No. RM2021–3, it identified PTR as a potential alternative source for determining the percentages of mail transported by air ''to and from the offshore location.''[6] Following approval of the changes proposed in that docket, the Postal Service now considers it appropriate to use PTR for the relevant portions of the Priority Mail transportation model.'' Petition, Proposal at 4.

The current model uses ODIS–RPW sample data for two principal purposes.[7] First, it distributes Alaska, Hawaii, and Air Taxi costs by zone. Second, it estimates the portions of Priority Mail involving ground-air or air-ground connections and the portion of Zone 1 mail classified as Intra-SCF. Petition, Proposal at 2. The Postal Service states that the current model pulls ODIS–RPW data from the origin-destination ZIP (ODZIP) file which identifies the origin-destination ZIP3 pairs in the sample and reports the corresponding Priority Mail weight and volume for the fiscal year. *Id.* Although the Postal Service considers the existing sample large, it states that reducing the sample size will increase statistical variance. *Id.*

Proposal and rationale. The Postal Service proposes replacing the ODIS–RPW-based ODZIP dataset with a more complete PTR dataset because PTR covers the relevant population-level census data, rather than a statistical sample, thereby eliminating sampling variance in the reported weights and volumes. *Id.* at 3. The Postal Service asserts that PTR data will be more representative of all Priority Mail, providing mail piece data for more ODZIP3 pairs. *Id.*

Impact. The Postal Service asserts that it sees changes in the weights by zone for Alaska, Hawaii, and Air Taxi networks because they rely on inputs from the ODIS–RPW sample data. *Id.* at 4. For highway-related inputs to the Transportation Cost Model workbook, the Postal Service reports a 0.87-percentage-point increase in the share of distance-related ground transportation costs associated with ground-to-air or air-to-ground connections. *Id.* It also reports a 7.41-percentage-point increase in the share of Local and Zone 1 weight attributable to Intra-SCF mail.[8] The Postal Service asserts that ''[t]hese shifts are a result of the PTR data having more complete coverage of all ZIP3 combinations relative to the ODIS–RPW sample data.'' Petition, Proposal at 4.

The Postal Service concludes that replacing ODIS–RPW sample data with census data from PTR results in an improvement in the quality, accuracy, and completeness of the Priority Mail transportation model and has minimal impact on the final unit cost by zone. *Id.* at 5.

III. Notice and Comment

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2027–3 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 Proposal no later than November 27, 2026. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Annette Morin is designated as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding. 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.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2027–3 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service to Initiate a Proceeding to Change Analytical Principles, filed November 6, 2026.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than November 27, 2026.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Annette Morin 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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[3] *See id.;* Library Reference USPS–RM2027–3–NP1, November 6, 2026.

[4] *See* Docket No. ACR2025, United States Postal Service, FY 2025 *Annual Compliance Report,* December 29, 2025, Attachment 2.

[5] *See* Petition, Proposal at 1; Docket No. RM2021–3, Order on Analytical Principles Used for Periodic Reports Concerning Revenue, Pieces, and Weight Methodology, February 9, 2026 (Order No. 9449).

[6] *See* Petition, Proposal at 2; Docket No. RM2021–3, Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1–7 of Chairman's Information Request No. 2, April 19, 2021, question 4.d.

[7] Docket No. ACR2025, Library Reference USPS–FY25–NP27, December 29, 2025, Excel file ''FY2025 PMTransportationCostModel.xlsx.''

[8] *Id.;* Library Reference USPS–RM2027–3–NP1, Excel file ''PMail Model Output Comparison.xlsx.''