

to United States products and suppliers of such products. In accordance with Section 301(b)(3) of the Trade Agreements Act, Oman is so designated for purposes of Section 301(a) of the Trade Agreements Act.

2. With respect to eligible products of Oman (*i.e.*, goods and services covered by the Schedules of the United States in Annex 9 of the Oman FTA) and suppliers of such products, the application of any law, regulation, procedure, or practice regarding government procurement that would, if applied to such products and suppliers, result in treatment less favorable than accorded—

(A) To United States products and suppliers of such products; or

(B) To eligible products of another foreign country or instrumentality which is a party to the Agreement on Government Procurement referred to in section 101(d)(17) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(17)) and suppliers of such products, shall be waived.

With respect to Oman, this waiver shall be applied by all entities listed in the Schedules of the United States in Section A and in List A of Section B of Annex 9 of the Oman FTA.

3. The designation in paragraph 1 and the waiver in paragraph 2 are subject to modification or withdrawal by the United States Trade Representative.

Dated: December 30, 2008.

**Susan C. Schwab,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-19; Order No. 160]

### International Mail Contracts

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a recently-filed Postal Service notice of a new global expedited package services contract. It addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

**DATES:** Comments due January 5, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

On December 23, 2008, the Postal Service filed a notice announcing that it has entered into an additional Global Expedited Package Services 1 (GEPS 1) contract.<sup>1</sup> GEPS 1 provides volume-based incentives for mailers that send large volumes of Express Mail International (EMI) and/or Priority Mail International (PMI). The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to previously submitted GEPS agreements, and supported by the Governors' Decision filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.<sup>2</sup> Notice at 1-2. It further notes that in Order No. 86 which established GEPS 1 as a product, the Commission held that additional contracts may be included as part of the GEPS 1 product if they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and if they are functionally equivalent to the initial GEPS 1 contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5.<sup>3</sup> Notice at 1.

**The instant contract.** The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the contract is in accordance with Order No. 86. It submitted the contract and supporting material under seal, and attached a redacted copy of the certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2) to the Notice. *Id.* at 1-2.

The Notice addresses reasons why the instant GEPS 1 contract fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GEPS 1, explains expiration terms, and discusses the Postal Service's interest in confidential treatment for the contract and related material.<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 2-3. It also provides the Postal Service's rationale for concluding that the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the initial contract filed in Docket No. CP2008-5. The Postal Service requests that this contract be included within the GEPS product. *Id.* at 3-5.

### II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-19 for consideration of

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service Filing of Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 1 Negotiated Service Agreement, December 23, 2008 (Notice).

<sup>2</sup> See Docket No. CP2008-5, Decision of the Governors of the United States Postal Service on the Establishment of Prices and Classifications for Global Expedited Package Services Contracts (Governors' Decision No. 08-7), May 6, 2008, and United States Postal Service Notice of Filing Redacted Copy of Governors' Decision No. 08-7, July 23, 2008.

<sup>3</sup> See PRC Order No. 86, Order Concerning Global Expedited Package Services Contracts, June 27, 2008, at 7 (Order No. 86).

<sup>4</sup> Contract expiration is set to expire one year after the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulating approvals have been obtained. *Id.* at 2.

matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3622, or 3642. Comments are due no later than January 5, 2009. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in the captioned filings.

*It is Ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2009-19 for consideration of the matters raised in this docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than January 5, 2009.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for the publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Steven W. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2009-18; Order No. 159]

### International Mail Contracts

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces a recently-filed Postal Service notice of an additional Global Direct Contracts agreement. It addresses procedural steps associated with this filing.

**DATES:** Comments are due January 5, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820 and [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

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