representatives of the NRC staff, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., and Luminant Generation Company, LLC. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Girija Shukla (Telephone 301–415–6855 or Email: Girija.Shukla@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the Federal Register on October 18, 2012, (77 FR 64146–64147).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC Web site at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (Telephone 240–888–9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: November 6, 2013.

Cayetano Santos,
Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. R2014–1; Order No. 1873]

First-Class Mail Postage Payment Option

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the addition of Alternate Postage Payment as a price category for First-Class Mail Single-Piece letters and cards. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: November 25, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://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.


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I. Introduction

On November 5, 2013, the Postal Service filed a notice with the Commission announcing its intent to add Alternate Postage Payment as a price category for First-Class Mail Single-Piece letters and cards pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 39 CFR part 3010. The classification and price adjustment will permit producers of First-Class Mail Single-Piece letters and cards to prepay postage so that the mailer would not need to affix a stamp (Adjustment). Id. at 2. The Adjustment is proposed to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2014. Id. at 1.

II. Postal Service Filing

Alternate Postage Payment category. The Postal Service plans to add Alternate Postage Payment as a price category for First-Class Mail Single-Piece letters and cards. Id. at 2. The Postal Service states that the Adjustment will permit producers of First-Class Mail Single-Piece letters and cards to prepay the mailer’s postage without the need for affixing a stamp. Id. Customers need only address the letter or card and drop it in a collection box. Id. at 3. Its simplicity will make customers more likely to mail greeting...
cards and other correspondence. Id. The Adjustment will be a premium offering and will be priced above current First-Class Mail Single-Piece postage rates. Id.

The Postal Service states that participating businesses will produce and distribute pre-approved envelopes and postcards according to specific design requirements established by the Postal Service and have the option of increasing the value of the pre-approved envelopes by applying a customized Picture Permit at no additional charge. Id. Postage will be paid by participating businesses in two stages: (1) An agreed upon pre-funded portion of the total postage when the mailpiece is produced or distributed, and (2) the remaining portion when the Intelligent Mail barcode (IMb) on the mailpiece is scanned during normal processing. Id. IMb technology will be used to verify and count each mailpiece during processing, and once scanned, the participating business’ Centralized Automated Processing System (CAPS) account will be debited. Id. After purchasing pre-approved envelopes from participating businesses, individual customers can then mail the item without using regular postage. Id.

The Postal Service states that it has been conducting research through the Alternate Postage Payment Method for Greeting Cards Market Test.2 The Postal Service asserts that the market test has been successful and demonstrates the demand for this service as well as verifying the Postal Service’s ability to capture the scan data needed to collect postage from participating businesses. Notice at 4. The Postal Service has included as an attachment a redacted version of the most recent data from the Alternate Postage Market Test. Id. at Attachment B. In addition, the Postal Service filed as a non-public library reference an unredacted version of the most recent data from the Alternate Postage Market Test.3

The Postal Service proposes a tiered pricing approach. Notice at 5. The proposed pricing approach accommodates price tiers that require up to 20 percent, 21–50 percent, and over 50 percent of the postage to be prefunded. Id. at 5. The Postal Service also proposes to charge a slightly lower per-piece postage rate when companies choose a higher prefunding level, thus allowing businesses to choose a prefunding level based on their unique business needs. Id. It indicates the starting price differentials between tiers will be small, but may be adjusted in future filings based on customer response.

The Postal Service provides the proposed pricing structure and requests that the Commission set the Alternate Postage rates as described in Table 1. Id. at 6. Due to the prevailing uncertainty surrounding First-Class Mail Single-Piece letter and card rates in 2014, the Postal Service states that it does not intend for the Commission to set the Alternate Postage rates in this manner in subsequent years. Id. at n.9. In addition, as the ultimate Alternate Postage price is uncertain, the Postal Service has left prices listed in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) blank. Id., see also id. at Attachment A.

Impact on the price cap. The Postal Service states that the planned prices have no impact on price cap issues because they do not change the prices for any existing First-Class Mail price categories. Id. at 6. Therefore, it made no cap or price change calculations as described in rules 3010.14(b)(1) through (4). Id. at 7.

Objectives and factors, workshare discounts, and preferred rates. The Postal Service lists the relevant objectives and factors of 39 U.S.C. 3622, and claims the Adjustment does not substantially alter the degree to which First-Class Mail prices already address the objectives and factors. Id. at 7–11. In particular, the Postal Service contends that the Adjustment is an example of the increased pricing flexibility under the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (objective 4), and will encourage new mail volumes, which will have the effect of enhancing the financial position of the Postal Service (objective 5). Id. at 10. Similarly, the Postal Service claims that the Adjustment encourages increased mail volume (factors 1 and 7) and, by providing a more convenient option for sending letters and cards, with additional postage exceeding any additional costs, will help First-Class Mail cover attributable costs (factor 2). Id. at 10–11. Finally, the Postal Service states the Adjustment’s use of an IMb to collect postage will promote use of Intelligent Mail (factor 13). Id. at 11.

Workshare discounts and preferred rates. According to the Postal Service, the Adjustment will not impact current workshare discounts and no preferred rates are implicated. Id. at 11. The Postal Service provides proposed MCS language in Attachment A of its Notice.

III. Commission Action

The Commission establishes Docket No. R2014–1 to consider all matters related to the Notice. The Commission’s rules provide for a 20-day comment period starting from the date of the filing of the Notice. See 39 CFR 3010.13(a)(5). Interested persons may express views and offer comments on whether the planned changes are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 39 CFR part 3010. Comments are due no later than November 25, 2013.

The Commission appoints Sean C. Duffy to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Interested persons may submit comments on the planned price category implementation. Comments are due no later than November 25, 2013.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Sean C. Duffy is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

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

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request


Extension: Rule 103; SEC File No. 270–410, OMB Control No. 3235–0466.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (‘‘PRA’’) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (‘‘Commission’’) is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 103 of Regulation...