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## U.S. Postal Service Continues to Streamline its Package Service Product Offerings

On November 14, 2014, the USPS filed a request with the *Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC)* to transfer First-Class Mail Parcels to the competitive product list (Docket # MC2015-7). The request seeks to: 1) remove First-Class Mail parcels from the market-dominant product list; and 2) to have an identical service be added to the competitive product list as a retail subcategory of the existing First-Class Package Service product. This request will simply recognize the competitive nature of the marketplace that First-Class Mail Parcels serves, and grant the Postal Service the pricing flexibility enjoyed by competitors that offer comparable products. See the entire filing on the [PRC site](#).

On November 17, 2014, the USPS filed a request with the *Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC)* to remove Return Receipt for Merchandise Service (RRM) from the market-dominant product list (Docket # MC2015-8). RRM service was first introduced in 1988 to provide retail and commercial mailers with the ability to obtain a return receipt postcard for packages containing merchandise. Volume and revenue for this service has declined precipitously over the past few years. Customers currently using RRM can receive the same (or improved) product features by using other existing services. See the entire filing on the [PRC site](#).

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