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PRC Affirms Proposal to Raise Rates for Competitive Products

Rate Changes are Scheduled to Take Effect April 26, 2015

On February 25, 2015, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) affirmed a proposal by the Postal Service to increase the postage rates for certain Competitive products and related classification changes.

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act requires that rates for Competitive products must produce sufficient revenues to ensure they are not subsidized by Market Dominant products. Each Competitive product must cover its attributable costs. In addition, Competitive products, as a group, must pay an appropriate share of institutional costs, currently set at 5.5 percent. The Commission determined that the proposed domestic and international Competitive products price increases appear to satisfy these requirements.

Commission Order No. [2366](#) outlines its review of the Postal Service's request for Competitive product rate increases and associated mail classification changes.

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