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Proposed New Postal Service Shipping Prices Designed to Capitalize on Strong Package Growth

No price increase proposed for Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express products

WASHINGTON — In a notice filed today with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), the U.S. Postal Service seeks to keep Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail services at their current prices. It's part of the Postal Service's ongoing pricing strategy to capitalize on strong package growth. Priority Mail is the Postal Service's flagship Shipping Services product and is a convenient and fast way to send documents and packages requiring expedited transportation and handling.

Also, unlike other shipping companies, the Postal Service is not implementing new dimensional weight charges with this pricing proposal, continuing its commitment to deliver the best value for customers. For more information about this please visit <https://www.usps.com/dimensionalweight/welcome.htm>.

With affordable shipping options and improved tracking, the Postal Service hopes to attract new business customers and become their delivery platform of choice. In FY 2014, Postal Service Shipping and Package Services volume grew by 300 million pieces, an increase of 8.1 percent over the previous year.

Some of the key elements of the pricing proposal filed with the PRC today, which includes an overall 3.4 percent price increase, include the following:

- No price increase in domestic Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail services and products.
- Priority Mail International will increase 6.8 percent, and pricing to Canada will now be zoned.
- Priority Mail Express International will increase 6.7 percent with Flat Rate pricing available.

Priority Mail International is a reliable, cost-effective way to send merchandise and documents to about 180 countries. Priority Mail Express International provides affordable and fast international delivery to about 180 countries. Shipments are insured against loss, damage, and /or missing contents up to \$200 at no additional charge. Date-certain service with a money-back delivery guarantee is available to select countries.

The PRC will review the prices before they are proposed to become effective on April 26, 2015, to determine if prices are consistent with applicable law.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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