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PRC Invites Stakeholder Consultation Regarding Study on USPS Rate Increases

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As adopted by the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, the House of Representatives Report 117-79 states:

Rate Increases for Market-Dominant Products.—The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 (PAEA) required the PRC to review the existing Market Dominant rate and classification system 10 years after the enactment of the PAEA. Based on this review, the PRC adopted rules in November 2020 providing greater pricing flexibility to the United States Postal Service (USPS). USPS has used this expanded authority to propose increasing certain postal rates effective August 20, 2021, by approximately 7 percent. The Committee is concerned with the size and timing of the rate increase and that the PAEA process did not account for the impact of the pandemic, including factors such as higher package revenues and emergency funding provided to the USPS. The PRC is directed to study these factors and report to the Committee within 270 days on how these factors should impact the rate increases proposed by the USPS and the PRC rules adopted in November.

H. Rep. No. 117-79 at 100 (Jul. 1, 2021).

The accompanying Joint Explanatory Statement added that, “In preparing the report on market-dominant products included in House Report 117-79, the PRC is expected to consult with stakeholders.” Joint Explanatory Statement, Division E—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2022, at 49, 162 Cong. Rec. H1709, H2356 (daily ed. Mar. 9, 2022).

In response, the Commission offers the opportunity for interested persons to provide input on the issues identified by the Report language above via email to stakeholderinput@prc.gov or by letter to the Commission at 901 New York Ave., N.W., Ste. 200, Washington, DC 20268 by July 31, 2022.

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