

POSTAL SERVICE**Request for Further Comments on Development of Strategic Plan for U.S. Postal Service, Pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993; and Correction**

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Request for further comments and correction.

SUMMARY: This document clarifies the Postal Service's Request for Comments, published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 1997, and requests further comments. The April 2, 1997, notice asked for public comments on the development of the Postal Service Strategic Plan for the years 1998–2002, pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. In addition to clarifying that Request for Comments, this document also adds text that was inadvertently omitted from that publication. The comment period is extended by two weeks.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be directed to Robert A.F. Reisner, Vice President, Strategic Planning, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260–1520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon L. Cook, (202) 268–4099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 2, 1997, the Postal Service published a **Federal Register** notice asking for public comment as part of the effort to develop a Five-Year Strategic Plan under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (62 FR 15740–15741). Since that time, the Postal Service has received comments from several parties and has been actively consulting with the Congress and with key stakeholders.

Clarification Concerning Scope of Comments

One comment concerns the extent to which the April 2, 1997, Request for Comments could have been interpreted as constraining the scope of comments that are being sought. In fact, the Postal Service seeks comments on *any* matters that may be relevant to the development of a Five-Year Strategic Plan. Specifically, the Postal Service has asked key stakeholders:

1. Is universal postal service at uniform rates still an essential service to the public?
2. What is the best way to balance the dual role of the Postal Service as a public service provider and a business-like enterprise?

3. When do consumer and public benefits warrant that a public agency provide services that might be offered by private enterprise?

4. How should public services and private interest be balanced in providing existing and enhanced postal services?

The Postal Service would be interested in receiving comments on these issues or any other matters related to the development of its Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Erratum

In addition, the April 2, 1997, notice omitted three words in a paragraph describing one of the Postal Service goals as a part of the *CustomerPerfect!* Process. This publication corrects the omission of those three words from this goal statement. The current wording of the *CustomerPerfect!* customer goal should read:

(1) Improve customer satisfaction by offering superior customer value in each market and customer segment *that we target*; (Italics reflect omitted language, now added.)

Because of this clarification and correction, the Postal Service extends the deadline for providing comments until June 15, 1997.

Accordingly, the Request for Comments on April 2, 1997, which was the subject of FR Doc. 97–8270, is corrected as set forth below.

In the Postal Service publication of Wednesday, April 2, 1997, on p. 15741, in the second column, goal number 1 is corrected to read as follows:

“(1) Improve customer satisfaction by offering superior customer value in each market and customer segment that we target.”

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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POSTAL SERVICE**Sunshine Act Meeting**

TIMES AND DATES: 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 2, 1997; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 3, 1997.

PLACE: San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the El San Juan Hotel, Avenida Isla Verde, in Ballroom C.

STATUS: June 2 (Closed); June 3 (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Monday, June 2—1:30 p.m. (Closed)

1. Status Report on the Tray Management System.
2. Consideration of Postal Rate Commission Opinion and Recommended Decision in Docket No. MC96–2, Classroom Mail Rates.

3. Consideration of a Filing with the Postal Rate Commission for a Provisional Packaging Service.

4. Rate Case Planning Process (Part 3 of 3).

5. Status Report on the Five-Year Strategic Plan

Tuesday, June 3—8:30 a.m. (Open)

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, May 5–6, 1997.
2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
3. Consideration of Amendments to BOG Bylaws.
4. Consideration of the Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress.
5. Briefing on Revenue Initiatives.
6. Report on the Caribbean District.
7. Tentative Agenda for the June 30–July 1, 1997, meeting in Washington, D.C.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260–1000. Telephone (202) 268–4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,

Secretary.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION**Public Meeting**

ACTION: Boston PCCIP Public Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Friday, June 6, 1997.

PLACE: City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Plaza, Boston MA 02201.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Advice or comments of any concerned citizen, group or activity on assuring America's critical infrastructures.

Note: A sign-language interpreter will be available for the hearing-impaired.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Nelson McCouch, Public Affairs

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Jim Kurtz,

Executive Secretariat, President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GULF WAR VETERANS' ILLNESSES**Meeting**

AGENCY: Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is hereby given to announce an open meeting of a panel of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses. The panel will discuss several issues relevant to the Committee's charter and will receive comment from members of the public.

DATE: June 24, 1997, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Adam's Mark Hotel, 939 Ridge Lake Blvd., Memphis, TN 38120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The President establish the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses by Executive Order 12961, May 26, 1995, and extended its tenure by Executive Order 13034, January 30, 1997. The purpose of this Committee is to review and provide recommendations on the government's investigation of possible chemical and biological weapons exposure incidents during the Gulf War and on implementation of the Committee's prior recommendations. The Committee reports to the President through the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The Committee members have expertise relevant to the functions of the committee and are appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order; Public comment
 - 10:15 a.m. Briefings related to implementation of *Final Report* recommendations
 - 11:00 Break
 - 11:15 a.m. Briefings related to chemical warfare agent exposure issues
 - 12:15 p.m. Lunch
 - 1:45 p.m. Briefings related to chemical warfare agent exposure issues (cont.)
 - 3:45 p.m. Committee and staff discussion: Next steps
 - 4:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned
- A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact the Advisory Committee at the address or telephone number listed below at least five business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations from individuals who have not yet had an opportunity to address the Advisory Committee. Priority will be given to

Gulf War veterans whose accounts of firsthand experience with chemical and biological warfare agent detections previously have not been conveyed to the Committee. The panel chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. People who wish to file written statements with the Advisory Committee may do so at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael E. Kowalok or Nancy Rocha, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, 1411 K Street, N.W., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 761-0066, Fax: (202) 761-0310.

Dated: May 19, 1997.

C.A. Bock,

Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26718]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

May 16, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the applicant(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the applicant(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by June 9, 1997, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/

or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Alabama Power Company, et al. (70-8461)

Alabama Power Company, 600 North 18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35291, ("Alabama"), Georgia Power Company, 333 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30308 ("Georgia"), Gulf Power Company, 500 Bayfront Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32501 ("Gulf"), Mississippi Power Company, 2992 West Beach, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501 ("Mississippi"), and Savannah Electric and Power Company, 600 East Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 ("Savannah") (collectively, "Operating Companies"), electric public utility subsidiaries of The Southern Company, a registered holding company, have filed a post-effective amendment to their application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10 and 12(b) of the Act and rules 45 and 54 thereunder.

By order dated December 15, 1994 (HCAR No. 26187) ("December 1994 Order"), the Operating Companies were authorized to form separate special purpose subsidiaries. Each special purpose subsidiary would issue and sell preferred securities in one or more series from time to time through December 31, 1997. In the December 1994 Order, Georgia was authorized to issue \$100 million of preferred securities and jurisdiction was reserved pending completion of the record over the issuance of preferred securities in the amount of \$175 million for Alabama, \$200 million for Georgia, \$15 million for Gulf, \$15 million for Mississippi and \$10 million for Savannah.

By order dated January 17, 1996 (HCAR No. 26462) ("January 1996 Order"), Alabama was authorized to issue \$97 million of preferred securities and jurisdiction was reserved pending completion of the record over the issuance of preferred securities in the amount of \$78 million for Alabama, \$200 million for Georgia, \$15 million for Gulf, \$15 million for Mississippi and \$10 million for Savannah.

By post-effective amendment dated June 18, 1996, the Operating Companies requested that the authority to issue preferred securities be increased to \$250 million for Alabama, \$500 million for Georgia, \$60 million for Gulf, \$60 million for Mississippi and \$35 million for Savannah. In the case of Alabama and Georgia, such amounts were in addition to the amounts authorized by the December 1994 Order and the January 1996 Order. The Operating Companies also requested that the