for further review may be made has expired.

- (6) Final resolution occurs when the designated or related summons or any order enforcing any part of the designated or related summons is fully complied with and all appeals or requests for further review are disposed of, the period in which an appeal may be taken has expired or the period in which a request for further review may be made has expired.
- (d) Special rules—(1) Number of summonses that may be issued—(i) Designated summons. Only one designated summons may be issued in connection with the examination of a specific taxable year or other period of a corporation. A designated summons may cover more than one year or other period of a corporation. The designated summons may require production of information that was previously sought in a summons (other than a designated summons) issued in the course of the examination of that particular corporation if that information was not previously produced.
- (ii) Related summonses. There is no restriction on the number of related summonses that may be issued in connection with the examination of a corporation. As provided in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, however, a related summons must be issued within the 30-day period that begins on the date on which the designated summons to which it relates is issued and must relate to the same return as the designated summons. A related summons may request the same information as the designated summons.
- (2) Time within which court proceedings must be brought. In order for the period of limitations on assessment to be suspended under section 6503(j), a court proceeding to enforce or to quash a designated or related summons must be instituted within the period of limitations on assessment provided in section 6501 that is otherwise applicable to the tax return.
- (3) Computation of suspension period if multiple court proceedings are instituted. If multiple court proceedings are instituted to enforce or to quash a designated or one or more related summonses concerning the same tax return, the period of limitations on assessment is suspended beginning on the date the first court proceeding is brought. The suspension shall end on the date that is the latest date on which the judicial enforcement period, plus the 120 day or 60 day period (depending on whether the court requires any compliance) as provided in paragraph

- (b) of this section, expires with respect to each summons.
- (4) Effect on other suspension periods—(i) In general. Suspensions of the period of limitations under section 6501 provided for under subsections 7609(e)(1) and (e)(2) do not apply to any summons that is issued pursuant to section 6503(j). The suspension under section 6503(j) of the running of the period of limitations on assessment under section 6501 is independent of, and may run concurrent with, any other suspension of the period of limitations on assessment that applies to the tax return to which the designated or related summons relates.
- (ii) *Examples*. The rules of paragraph (d)(4)(i) of this section are illustrated by the following examples:

Example 1. The period of limitations on assessment against Corporation P, a calendar vear taxpaver, for its 2007 return is scheduled to end on March 17, 2011. (Ordinarily, Corporation P's returns are filed on March 15th of the following year, but March 15, 2008, was a Saturday, and Corporation P timely filed its return on the subsequent Monday, March 17, 2008, making March 17, 2011 the last day of the period of limitations on assessment for Corporation P's 2007 tax year.) On January 4, 2011, a designated summons is issued to Corporation P concerning its 2007 return. On March 3, 2011 (14 days before the period of limitations on assessment would otherwise expire with respect to Corporation P's 2007 return), a court proceeding is brought to enforce the designated summons issued to Corporation P. On June 6, 2011, the court orders Corporation P to comply with the designated summons Corporation P does not appeal the court's order. On September 6, 2011, agents for Corporation P deliver material that they state are the records requested by the designated summons. On October 13, 2011, a final resolution to Corporation P's response to the designated summons occurs when it is determined that Corporation P has fully complied with the court's order. The suspension period applicable with respect to the designated summons issued to Corporation P consists of the judicial enforcement period (March 3, 2011, through October 13, 2011) and an additional 120-day period under section 6503(j)(1)(B), because the court required Corporation P to comply with the designated summons. Thus, the suspension period applicable with respect to the designated summons issued to Corporation P begins on March 3, 2011, and ends on February 10, 2012. Under the facts of this Example 1, the period of limitations on assessment against Corporation P further extends to February 24, 2012, to account for the additional 14 days that remained on the period of limitations on assessment under section 6501 when the suspension period under section 6503(j) began.

Example 2. Assume the same facts set forth in Example 1, except that in addition to the issuance of the designated summons and related enforcement proceedings, on April 5, 2011, a summons concerning Corporation P's

2007 return is issued and served on individual A, a third party. This summons is not a related summons because it was not issued during the 30-day period that began on the date the designated summons was $\,$ issued. The third-party summons served on individual A is subject to the notice requirements of section 7609(a). Final resolution of individual A's response to this summons does not occur until February 15, 2012. Because there is no final resolution of individual A's response to this summons by October 5, 2011, which is six months from the date of service of the summons, the period of limitations on assessment against Corporation P is suspended under section 7609(e)(2) to the date on which there is a final resolution to that response for the purposes of section 7609(e)(2). Moreover, because final resolution to the summons served on individual A does not occur until after February 10, 2012, the end of the suspension period for the designated summons, the period of limitations on assessment against Corporation P expires 14 days after the date that the final resolution as provided for in section 7609(e)(2) occurs with respect to the summons served on individual A.

- (5) Computation of 60-day period when last day of assessment period falls on a weekend or holiday. For purposes of paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section, in determining whether a designated summons has been issued at least 60 days before the date on which the period of limitations on assessment prescribed in section 6501 expires, the provisions of section 7503 apply when the last day of the assessment period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.
- (e) *Effective/applicability date*. This section is applicable on July 31, 2009.

Approved: July 15, 2009.

Linda E. Stiff,

Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement.

Michael Mundaca,

 $\label{eq:Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury} Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Tax Policy).$

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3020

[Docket Nos. MC2009-30 and CP2009-40; Order No. 247]

New Postal Product

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission. **ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document informs the public that the Commission has reviewed and approved the Postal Service's recent request to add a new Priority Mail product to the Competitive

Product List, along with a related contract. It also addresses related procedural and legal matters.

DATES: Effective July 31, 2009 and is applicable beginning July 14, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulatory History, 74 FR 33482 (July 13, 2009).

I. Background II. Comments

III. Commission Analysis

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

I. Background

The Postal Service seeks to add a new product identified as Priority Mail Contract 14 to the Competitive Product List. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission approves the Request.

On June 29, 2009, the Postal Service filed a formal request pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 et seq. to add Priority Mail Contract 14 to the Competitive Product List.¹ The Postal Service asserts that the Priority Mail Contract 14 product is a competitive product "not of general applicability" within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3). This Request has been assigned Docket No. MC2009–30.

The Postal Service contemporaneously filed a contract related to the proposed new product pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3632(b)(3) and 39 CFR 3015.5. The contract has been assigned Docket No. CP2009–40.

In support of its Request, the Postal Service filed the following materials: (1) A redacted version of the contract which, among other things, provides that the contract will expire 3 years from the effective date, which is proposed to be 1 day after the Commission issues all regulatory approvals;2 (2) requested changes in the Mail Classification Schedule product list; 3 (3) a Statement of Supporting Justification as required by 39 CFR 3020.32; 4 and (4) certification of compliance with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a).5 The Postal Service also references Governors' Decision 09-6, filed in Docket No. MC2009-25, as authorization of the new product. Id.

In the Statement of Supporting Justification, Mary Prince Anderson,

Acting Manager, Sales and Communications, Expedited Shipping, asserts that the service to be provided under the contract will cover its attributable costs, make a positive contribution to coverage of institutional costs, and will increase contribution toward the requisite 5.5 percent of the Postal Service's total institutional costs. Request, Attachment C, at 1. W. Ashley Lyons, Manager, Regulatory Reporting and Cost Analysis, Finance Department, certifies that the contract complies with 39 U.S.C. 3633(a). See id., Attachment D

The Postal Service filed much of the supporting materials, including the supporting data and the unredacted contract, under seal.⁶ In its Request, the Postal Service maintains that the contract and related financial information, including the customer's name and the accompanying analyses that provide prices, terms, conditions, and financial projections, should remain confidential. *Id.* at 2–3.

In Order No. 234, the Commission gave notice of the two dockets, appointed a public representative, and provided the public with an opportunity to comment. On July 1, 2009, Chairman's Information Request No. 1 (CHIR No. 1) was issued. The Postal Service filed its response to Question No. 4 on July 1, 2009, and its responses to Question Nos. 1 through 3 (under seal) on July 8, 2009.

II. Comments

Comments were filed by the Public Representative. 10 No comments were submitted by other interested parties. The Public Representative states that the Postal Service's filing satisfies the procedural requirements for proposing a new product and concludes that the Priority Mail Contract 14 agreement meets the pertinent elements of title 39. *Id.* at 1, 3–4. He further states that the

agreement appears to be beneficial to the general public. *Id.* at 4.

The Public Representative believes that "[f]or the sake of the general public, some mention in the text of the Notice, or a copy of the Governors' Decision (albeit already filed with the Commission), would be helpful." *Id.* at 4. In support of this contention, he notes that the "general public may only access (absent a qualified [and granted] request to the Commission for access to confidential material) the public materials in this docket posted online." *Id.*

III. Commission Analysis

The Commission has reviewed the Request, the contract, the financial analysis provided under seal that accompanies it, the responses to CHIR No. 1, and the comments filed by the Public Representative.

Statutory requirements. The Commission's statutory responsibilities in this instance entail assigning Priority Mail Contract 14 to either the Market Dominant Product List or to the Competitive Product List. 39 U.S.C. 3642. As part of this responsibility, the Commission also reviews the proposal for compliance with the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) requirements. This includes, for proposed competitive products, a review of the provisions applicable to rates for competitive products. 39 U.S.C. 3633.

Product list assignment. In determining whether to assign Priority Mail Contract 14 as a product to the Market Dominant Product List or the Competitive Product List, the Commission must consider whether the Postal Service exercises sufficient market power that it can effectively set the price of such product substantially above costs, raise prices significantly, decrease quality, or decrease output, without risk of losing a significant level of business to other firms offering similar products. 39 U.S.C. 3642(b)(1). If so, the product will be categorized as market dominant. The competitive category of products shall consist of all other products.

The Commission is further required to consider the availability and nature of enterprises in the private sector engaged in the delivery of the product, the views of those who use the product, and the likely impact on small business concerns. 39 U.S.C. 3642(b)(3).

The Postal Service asserts that its bargaining position is constrained by the existence of other shippers who can provide similar services, thus precluding it from taking unilateral action to increase prices without the

¹Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 14 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Contract and Supporting Data, June 29, 2009 (Request).

² Attachment A to the Request.

³ Attachment B to the Request.

⁴ Attachment C to the Request.

⁵ Attachment D to the Request.

⁶ The Postal Service also filed an errata of its supporting data on July 2, 2009. See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Under Seal of Corrected Workbook Containing Cost and Revenue Data (Errata), July 2, 2009.

⁷ PRC Order No. 234, Notice and Order Concerning Priority Mail Contract 14 Negotiated Service Agreement, July 1, 2009 (Order No. 234).

⁸ Chairman's Information Request No. 1 and Notice of Filing of Question Under Seal, July 1, 2009.

⁹ Response of the United States Postal Service to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, Question 4, July 1, 2009; Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Under Seal of Responses to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, Questions 1–3, July 8, 2009.

¹⁰ Public Representative Comments in Response to United States Postal Service Notice of Establishment of Rates and Class Not of General Applicability (Priority Contract 14), July 10, 2009 (Public Representative Comments).

risk of losing volume to private companies. Request, Attachment C, para. (d). The Postal Service also contends that it may not decrease quality or output without risking the loss of business to competitors that offer similar expedited delivery services. Id. It further states that the contract partner supports the addition of the contract to the Competitive Product List to effectuate the negotiated contractual terms. Id. at para. (g). Finally, the Postal Service states that the market for expedited delivery services is highly competitive and requires a substantial infrastructure to support a national network. It indicates that large carriers serve this market. Accordingly, the Postal Service states that it is unaware of any small business concerns that could offer comparable service for this customer. Id. at para. (h).

No commenter opposes the proposed classification of Priority Mail Contract 14 as competitive. Having considered the statutory requirements and the support offered by the Postal Service, the Commission finds that Priority Mail Contract 14 is appropriately classified as a competitive product and should be added to the Competitive Product List.

Cost considerations. The Postal Service presents a financial analysis showing that Priority Mail Contract 14 results in cost savings while ensuring that the contract covers its attributable costs, does not result in subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products, and increases contribution from competitive products.

Based on the data submitted, the Commission finds that Priority Mail Contract 14 should cover its attributable costs (39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(2)), should not lead to the subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products (39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(1)), and should have a positive effect on competitive products' contribution to institutional costs (39 U.S.C. 3633(a)(3)). Thus, an initial review of proposed Priority Mail Contract 14 indicates that it comports with the provisions applicable to rates for competitive products.

Other considerations. The Postal Service shall promptly notify the Commission of the scheduled termination date of the agreement. If the agreement terminates earlier than anticipated, the Postal Service shall inform the Commission prior to the new termination date. The Commission will then remove the product from the Mail Classification Schedule at the earliest possible opportunity.

Furthermore, the Commission agrees with the Public Representative's suggestion that due to confidentiality concerns, each docket should be self-

contained. In the future, the Postal Service should not cross-reference to other dockets (where documents in that referenced docket are filed under seal) in support of a different docket. This ensures that participants will have complete access to all information upon which the Postal Service proposes to rely.

In conclusion, the Commission approves Priority Mail Contract 14 as a new product. The revision to the Competitive Product List is shown below the signature of this order and is effective upon issuance of this order.

IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. Priority Mail Contract 14 (MC2009–30 and CP2009–40) is added to the Competitive Product List as a new product under Negotiated Service Agreements, Domestic.

2. The Postal Service shall notify the Commission of the scheduled termination date and update the Commission if termination occurs prior to that date, as discussed in this order.

3. The Secretary shall arrange for the publication of this order in the **Federal Register.**

Issued: July 14, 2009. By the Commission.

Judith M. Grady,

Acting Secretary.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 3020

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, under the authority at 39 U.S.C. 503, the Postal Regulatory Commission amends 39 CFR part 3020 as follows:

PART 3020—PRODUCT LISTS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 3020 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 503; 3622; 3631; 3642; 3682.

■ 2. Revise Appendix A to Subpart A of Part 3020—Mail Classification Schedule to read as follows:

Appendix A to Subpart A of Part 3020—Mail Classification Schedule

Part A—Market Dominant Products

1000 Market Dominant Product List

First-Class Mail

Single-Piece Letters/Postcards Bulk Letters/Postcards

Parcels

Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International

Inbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail International Standard Mail (Regular and Nonprofit)

High Density and Saturation Letters High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels

Carrier Route

Letters

Flats

Not Flat-Machinables (NFMs)/Parcels

Periodicals

Within County Periodicals

Outside County Periodicals

Package Services

Single-Piece Parcel Post

Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates)

Bound Printed Matter Flats Bound Printed Matter Parcels

Media Mail/Library Mail

Special Services

Ancillary Services

International Ancillary Services

Address List Services

Caller Service

Change-of-Address Credit Card

Authentication

Confirm

International Reply Coupon Service International Business Reply Mail Service Money Orders

Post Office Box Service

Negotiated Service Agreements

HSBC North America Holdings Inc. Negotiated Services Agreement

Bookspan Negotiated Service Agreement

Bank of America Corporation Negotiated Service Agreement

The Bradford Group Negotiated Service Agreement

Inbound International

Canada Post—United States Postal Service Contractual Bilateral Agreement for Inbound Market Dominant Services

Market Dominant Product Descriptions

First-Class Mail

[Reserved for Class Description] Single-Piece Letters/Postcards

[Reserved for Product Description]

Bulk Letters/Postcards

[Reserved for Product Description]

Flats

[Reserved for Product Description]

Parcels

[Reserved for Product Description]
Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail

International

[Reserved for Product Description] Inbound Single-Piece First-Class Mail

International

[Reserved for Product Description]

Standard Mail (Regular and Nonprofit)

[Reserved for Class Description]

High Density and Saturation Letters

[Reserved for Product Description] High Density and Saturation Flats/Parcels

[Reserved for Product Description] Carrier Route

[Reserved for Product Description]

Letters

[Reserved for Product Description] Flats

[Reserved for Product Description] Not Flat-Machinables (NFMs)/Parcels [Reserved for Product Description]

Periodicals

[Reserved for Class Description] Within County Periodicals [Reserved for Product Description] Outside County Periodicals [Reserved for Product Description]

Package Services

[Reserved for Class Description] Single-Piece Parcel Post [Reserved for Product Description] Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at UPU rates) [Reserved for Product Description] **Bound Printed Matter Flats** [Reserved for Product Description] Bound Printed Matter Parcels [Reserved for Product Description] Media Mail/Library Mail [Reserved for Product Description]

Special Services [Reserved for Class Description] Ancillary Services [Reserved for Product Description] Address Correction Service [Reserved for Product Description] Applications and Mailing Permits [Reserved for Product Description] Business Reply Mail [Reserved for Product Description] Bulk Parcel Return Service [Reserved for Product Description] Certified Mail [Reserved for Product Description] Certificate of Mailing [Reserved for Product Description] Collect on Delivery [Reserved for Product Description] Delivery Confirmation [Reserved for Product Description] Insurance [Reserved for Product Description] Merchandise Return Service [Reserved for Product Description] Parcel Airlift (PAL) [Reserved for Product Description] Registered Mail [Reserved for Product Description] Return Receipt [Reserved for Product Description] Return Receipt for Merchandise [Reserved for Product Description] Restricted Delivery [Reserved for Product Description] Shipper-Paid Forwarding [Reserved for Product Description] Signature Confirmation [Reserved for Product Description] Special Handling [Reserved for Product Description] Stamped Envelopes [Reserved for Product Description] Stamped Cards [Reserved for Product Description] Premium Stamped Stationery [Reserved for Product Description]

Premium Stamped Cards

[Reserved for Product Description]

[Reserved for Product Description]

International Certificate of Mailing

[Reserved for Product Description]

International Restricted Delivery

International Registered MaiÎ

International Return Receipt

Address List Services

International Ancillary Services

Caller Service [Reserved for Product Description] Change-of-Address Credit Card Authentication [Reserved for Product Description] Confirm [Reserved for Product Description] International Reply Coupon Service [Reserved for Product Description] International Business Reply Mail Service [Reserved for Product Description] Money Orders [Reserved for Product Description] Post Office Box Service [Reserved for Product Description] Negotiated Service Agreements

[Reserved for Class Description] HSBC North America Holdings Inc. Negotiated Service Agreement [Reserved for Product Description] Bookspan Negotiated Service Agreement [Reserved for Product Description] Bank of America Corporation Negotiated Service Agreement The Bradford Group Negotiated Service Agreement Part B—Competitive Products

Competitive Product List

Express Mail

Express Mail Outbound International Expedited Services Inbound International Expedited Services

Inbound International Expedited Services 1 (CP2008-7)

Inbound International Expedited Services 2 (MC2009-10 and CP2009-12)

Priority Mail

Priority Mail

Outbound Priority Mail International Inbound Air Parcel Post

Royal Mail Group Inbound Air Parcel Post Agreement

Parcel Select

Parcel Return Service

International

International Priority Airlift (IPA) International Surface Airlift (ISAL) International Direct Sacks—M-Bags Global Customized Shipping Services Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at non-UPU rates)

Canada Post—United States Postal Service Contractual Bilateral Agreement for Inbound Competitive Services (MC2009-8 and CP2009-9)

International Money Transfer Service International Ancillary Services

Special Services

Premium Forwarding Service

Negotiated Service Agreements

Domestic

Express Mail Contract 1 (MC2008-5) Express Mail Contract 2 (MC2009-3 and ĈP2009-4)

Express Mail Contract 3 (MC2009-15 and ĈP2009-21)

Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 1 (MC2009–6 and CP2009–7)

Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 2 (MC2009–12 and CP2009–14)

Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 3 (MC2009-13 and CP2009-17)

Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 4 (MC2009-17 and CP2009-24)

Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 5 (MC2009-18 and CP2009-25)

Parcel Return Service Contract 1 (MC2009-1 and CP2009-2) Priority Mail Contract 1 (MC2008-8 and

CP2008-26) Priority Mail Contract 2 (MC2009-2 and

CP2009-3) Priority Mail Contract 3 (MC2009-4 and

CP2009-5) Priority Mail Contract 4 (MC2009-5 and

CP2009-6) Priority Mail Contract 5 (MC2009-21 and

CP2009-26) Priority Mail Contract 6 (MC2009-25 and

CP2009-30) Priority Mail Contract 7 (MC2009-25 and

CP2009-31) Priority Mail Contract 8 (MC2009-25 and

CP2009-32) Priority Mail Contract 9 (MC2009-25 and

CP2009-33) Priority Mail Contract 10 (MC2009-25 and

CP2009-34) Priority Mail Contract 11 (MC2009-27 and

CP2009-37) Priority Mail Contract 12 (MC2009-28 and

CP2009-38) Priority Mail Contract 13 (MC2009-29 and

CP2009-39)

Priority Mail Contract 14 (MC2009-30 and CP2009-40)

Outbound International

Global Direct Contracts (MC2009-9, CP2009-10, and CP2009-11)

Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contracts

GEPS 1 (CP2008-5, CP2008-11, CP2008-12, and CP2008-13, CP2008-18,

CP2008-19, CP2008-20, CP2008-21, CP2008-22, CP2008-23, and CP2008-24) **Global Plus Contracts**

Global Plus 1 (CP2008-9 and CP2008-10)

Global Plus 2 (MC2008-7, CP2008-16 and CP2008-17)

Inbound International

Inbound Direct Entry Contracts with Foreign Postal Administrations (MC2008-6, CP2008-14 and CP2008-15) International Business Reply Service

Competitive Contract 1 (MC2009-14 and CP2009-20)

Competitive Product Descriptions

Express Mail

[Reserved for Group Description]

Express Mail [Reserved for Product Description]

Outbound International Expedited Services [Reserved for Product Description]

Inbound International Expedited Services [Reserved for Product Description]

Priority

[Reserved for Product Description] Priority Mail

[Reserved for Product Description] Outbound Priority Mail International [Reserved for Product Description]

Inbound Air Parcel Post

[Reserved for Product Description] Parcel Select

[Reserved for Group Description] Parcel Return Service

[Reserved for Group Description] International

[Reserved for Group Description]
International Priority Airlift (IPA)
[Reserved for Product Description]
International Surface Airlift (ISAL)
[Reserved for Product Description]
International Direct Sacks—M-Bags
[Reserved for Product Description]
Global Customized Shipping Services
[Reserved for Product Description]
International Money Transfer Service
[Reserved for Product Description]
Inbound Surface Parcel Post (at non-UPU rates)

[Reserved for Product Description] International Ancillary Services [Reserved for Product Description] International Certificate of Mailing [Reserved for Product Description] International Registered Mail [Reserved for Product Description] International Return Receipt [Reserved for Product Description] International Restricted Delivery [Reserved for Product Description] International Insurance [Reserved for Product Description] Negotiated Service Agreements [Reserved for Group Description] Domestic

[Reserved for Product Description] Outbound International

[Reserved for Group Description]
Part C—Glossary of Terms and Conditions
[Reserved]

Part D—Country Price Lists for International Mail [Reserved]

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R06-OAR-2009-0214; FRL-8939-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is taking a direct final action to approve revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP). We are approving revisions to 30 TAC Chapter 117, "Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds," that the State submitted on March 10, 2009. These revisions amend the Beaumont-Port Arthur (BPA) 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Major Source rules, the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Major Source rules, and the HGB 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Minor Source rules. These revisions add

flexibility and consistency to the current stationary reciprocating internal combustion engine and gas turbine monitoring specifications found in Chapter 117 by allowing for an additional option for monitoring nitrogen oxides (NO_X) emissions. These revisions are consistent with the Clean Air Act (CAA). Therefore, EPA is approving these revisions pursuant to section 110 of the CAA.

DATES: This direct final rule will be effective September 29, 2009 without further notice unless EPA receives relevant adverse comments by August 31, 2009. If adverse comments are received, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** informing the public that the rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2009-0214, by one of the following methods:

- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Please follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- EPA Region 6 "Contact Us" Web site: http://epa.gov/region6/r6comment.htm. Please click on "6PD (Multimedia)" and select "Air" before submitting comments.
- *E-mail*: Mr. Guy Donaldson at *donaldson.guy@epa.gov*. Please also send a copy by e-mail to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.
- Fax: Mr. Guy Donaldson, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), at fax number 214–665–7263.
- *Mail:* Mr. Guy Donaldson, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.
- Hand or Courier Delivery: Mr. Guy Donaldson, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733. Such deliveries are accepted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, and not on legal holidays. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket No. EPA–R06–OAR–2009–0214. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

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Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the http:// www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in http:// www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Air Planning Section (6PD-L), Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. The file will be made available by appointment for public inspection in the Region 6 FOIA Review Room between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays except for legal holidays. Contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT paragraph below or Mr. Bill Deese at 214–665–7253 to make an appointment. If possible, please make the appointment at least two working days in advance of your visit. There will be a fee of 15 cents per page for making photocopies of documents. On the day of the visit, please check in at the EPA Region 6 reception area at 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas.

The State submittal is also available for public inspection during official business hours, by appointment, at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.