

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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In re Stakeholder Consultation Regarding Study  
On USPS Market-Dominant Rate Increases

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**MPA – THE ASSOCIATION OF MAGAZINE MEDIA’S  
MOTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN INFORMATION  
REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

**(June 6, 2022)**

Pursuant to 39 CFR § 3010.170(e), MPA – The Association of Magazine Media (“MPA”) respectfully requests that the Commission, Chairman Kubayanda, or the Presiding Officer issue an information request to the U.S. Postal Service to obtain answers to the attached questions.

The information sought pertains to the Commission’s invitation for interested persons to provide input on concerns raised by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee regarding the size and timing of market-dominant rate increases authorized by the Commission following the ten-year review. On May 26, 2022, the Commission invited stakeholder consultation regarding its Congressionally required study of Postal Service rate increases. The study is to address, among other factors, whether the Commission’s revised regulations authorizing these rate increases properly accounted for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including \$10 billion of emergency funding provided to the Postal Service.

The referenced \$10 billion emergency funding was to be provided “if the Postal Service determines that, due to the COVID–19 emergency, the Postal Service will not

be able to fund operating expenses without borrowing money” and “to be used for such operating expenses.”

Answers to these questions will ensure that interested parties can provide meaningful input on whether the emergency funding provided to the Postal Service was properly accounted for in designing the revised ratemaking system. Obtaining this information from the Postal Service “is likely to materially assist the Commission in the conduct of its proceedings, in the preparation of its reports, or in the performance of its functions under title 39 of the United States Code.” 39 CFR § 3010.170(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Proposed Questions**

1. Provide information explaining in detail the basis for the Postal Service's determination "that, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Postal Service [would] not be able to fund operating expenses without borrowing money;"

2. Provide a complete listing of the Postal Service's operating expenses for which the emergency funds have been or will be used; and

3. Provide all documents that the Postal Service submitted to the U.S. Treasury in support of the Postal Service's request for the \$10 billion in emergency funding.