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What you missed in March!

The Greater OK Postal Customer Council (GO-PCC) joined in with the Greater Dallas PCC as they hosted a Southern Area Retail and Delivery Update virtual meeting on March 18, 2021.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Tim Costello, Vice President, Area Retail & Delivery Operations, Southern. Mr. Costello addressed, the new organizational structure at the USPS, updates on service performance, a congressional overview and pricing updates. The meeting was very informative and well received by the attendees.

<u>U. S. Postal Service Announces Changes to Delivery Time for Priority Mail, Express Mail, and Seeks to Transfer Bound Printed Matter Parcels to the Competitive Product List</u>

The United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) on March 26, 2021 seeking to transfer Bound Printed Matter (BPM) Parcels to the Competitive Product list and simplifying the delivery time for Priority Mail Express (PME).

The changes to PME will take effect no earlier than May 23, 2021. The BPM Parcel change will take effect on a date yet to be determined and is subject to approval by the PRC.

Currently., PME has three guaranteed delivery time windows within the 1-2 business day service standards: 10:30 a. m. (in selected locations, for an extra fee) noon, or 3:00 p. m. The new single guaranteed delivery timer will be 6:00 p. m. on the committed delivery day, regardless of the origin and destination.

The price of using PME as a shipping option will not change. The current price for PME flat rate envelope starts at \$26.35. Additional pricing information can be found on usps.com.

BPM parcels contain adverting, promotional, directory or editorial material such as catalogs, books and other printed material, and can weigh up to 15 pounds. The contents must be securely bound by permanent fastening such as staples, spiral binding, glue, or stitching. The Postal Service has requested that the PRC change the classification of BPM from a Market Dominant product to a Competitive product.

By transferring these parcels to the Competitive Product list, the Postal Service will have a greater opportunity to utilize product and pricing strategies to be market responsive and better aligned with the Postal Service's shipping product portfolio.

Bound Printed Matter flats – generally catalogs us to three-quarters of an inch thick and weighing more than one pound – will remain as a Market Dominant product.

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service filings can be found on the PRC site under the Daily Listings section at prc.gov/dockets/daily.



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COMING IN APRIL!

The Greater OK Postal Customer Council (GO-PCC), the Tulsa Postal Customer (TPCC) and the U. S. Postal Service will be offering an educational ZOOM session on *Thursday, April 22, 2021* starting at 9:00am CST.

The USPS is broadening the reach of the Seamless Acceptance verification process, starting May 1st for Detached Mail Units and **July 1st** for all mailers taking advantage of the Full-Service discount program. Seamless Acceptance reviews electronic documentation and the Intelligent Mail barcodes

on containers, handling units, and mail pieces, by collecting data from Mail Processing Equipment (MPE) and samples from hand-held scanning devices and matching that to the mailer uploaded eDoc to confirm proper mail preparation for the discounts claimed and postage paid.

Effective *July 1st, 2021* the U. S. Postal Service will transition into the 6th and final phase of the Seamless Acceptance process. ARE YOU READY? Our topic will be Seamless Acceptance, the Mailer Scorecard, and You; the keynote speaker will be Leonard Bishop, Oklahoma District Manager Business Mai Entry. Mr. Bishop's presentation will cover Seamless Acceptance, reviewing your Mailer Scorecard, possible financial impacts, and how to avoid errors.

To receive an electronic invitation to attend this event, send your email address to Sonya Dulan, Customer Relations Coordinator at sonya.r.dulan@usps.gov by Tuesday, April 20, 2021.



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