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## **PRIORITY MAIL FLAT-RATE BOX PROPOSED**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Postal Service is moving forward on its proposal to offer customers two Priority Mail Flat-Rate Box options. In a filing with the Postal Rate Commission, the Postal Service is seeking approval of the Flat-Rate Box proposal, which if approved, will reinforce the Postal Service's commitment to meeting customers' needs for simplicity and convenience when sending packages.

Much like the Flat-Rate Envelope – provided by the Postal Service since 1991 – the proposed Flat-Rate Box would afford customers a single, predetermined rate regardless of the actual weight or destination zone of the parcel.

"We recognize that products that are easy to access and simple to use provide real value for our customers," says Anita J. Bizzotto, chief marketing officer of the U.S. Postal Service. "This proposal demonstrates our commitment to providing convenient options for sending packages and introducing innovative solutions to the marketplace," she added.

This proposal filed with the Postal Rate Commission calls for a two-year trial of the Flat-Rate Box with a choice of two different box shapes, the dimensions of which are 14" x 12" x 3.5" and 11.25" x 8.75" x 6", and a postage rate of \$7.70 each.