request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

**Note:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

(g) All persons affected by this directive may obtain copies of the document referred to herein upon request to the Twin Commander Aircraft Corporation, 19003 59th Drive, NE., Arlington, Washington 98223; or may examine this document at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

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## **POSTAL SERVICE**

## 39 CFR Part 111

## Shipper Paid Forwarding for Fourth-Class Mail

**AGENCY:** Postal Service. **ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service proposes to provide fourth-class mailers with an option to pay for the nonlocal forwarding of machinable fourth-class mail when participating in automatic electronic address correction service. Those mailers requested this option to the current forwarding standards so that, if they choose, they can pay for the nonlocal forwarding of their customers' catalogs, books, merchandise and other fourth-class matter. The intended effects of this option are to increase mailer satisfaction with fourth-class mail; increase customer satisfaction by reducing the need to charge them postage-due for forwarded fourth-class mail, and for them to travel to the post office to get such pieces; and improve service by facilitating fewer handlings for such mail both in processing and in

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before March 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver written comments to the Manager, Parcels, Product Management, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Room 5142, Washington, DC 20260–2408. Copies of all written comments will be available for inspection and photocopying between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through

Friday, in room 5142, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Tolson, (202) 268–3149. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently** parcels, catalogs, books, merchandise, etc., sent to customers who have moved outside their local area are forwarded to the new address, postage due. The applicable amount, based on the mailpiece's classification, weight, and the delivery zone of the new address, is collected from the recipient. Depending upon the customer's availability at time of delivery, the package may be: (1) Accepted and the postage collected, (2) refused and returned to the shipper requesting payment for the forwarding and return postage due and other applicable fees, (3) returned to the post office for re-delivery or customer pickup, or (4) disposed of by the Postal

Fourth-class mailers have requested that the USPS provide an option to this forwarding standard so that mailers can, if they choose, pay for nonlocal forwarding of their customers' parcels, catalogs, books, merchandise, etc.

In view of these requests, the Postal Service and the fourth-class mailing industry jointly developed a proposal to meet the needs of large fourth-class shippers to provide nonlocal forwarding for mail sent to their customers. This optional service has been designated Shipper Paid Forwarding (SPF) and, as proposed, will operate through the existing electronic Address Change Service (ACS). As a result, SPF will be available only to mailers participating in ACS. Further, because of the limitations of the current ACS system, SPF will be offered at this time only for machinable parcels (i.e., parcels that are not subject to a nonmachinable surcharge if mailed at inter-BMC parcel post rates). The Postal Service will consider modifying the ACS system in the future to accommodate SPF for nonmachinable parcels if there is sufficient customer demand.

As designed, SPF will allow the Postal Service to use the electronic systems developed for ACS and will piggyback on the existing fee billing and collection feature of ACS. Automatic electronic ACS notification will be provided for each forwarded package, subject to the ACS change notification fee (currently \$0.20 per notice). Shippers will be able to use corrected address information immediately upon receipt to update mailing files and avoid additional forwarding charges.

Participating ACS/SPF mailers will be required to provide the weight of the package in pound or half-pound

increments (as appropriate for the rate claimed) and indicate the rate category of the mailpiece. This information will be imbedded as the first 4 characters of the customer information keyline. Based on the current ACS keyline, the ACS/ SPF keyline is located in the address block and consists of 4 to 16 characters (excluding spaces and delimiters), set off by pound sign (#) delimiters. In addition to the 4 characters of required postal information, up to 12 characters may be used for customer information, the last position serving as a check digit. (The required single-character rate category codes will be provided to authorized SPF participants.) For example, the keyline on a 2.5-pound piece of basic bulk bound printed matter (code B) would begin as #025B, followed (if used by the mailer) by the individual customer information, a check digit, and a closing # delimiter.

This proposed rule provides for an application and authorization process for ACS and for SPF. Upon approval of a new ACS/SPF application for this service, the mailer will be assigned a new 7-character ACS participation code specifically for use with SPF. Current ACS users must also request a new participation code to use the SPF service option. The ACS participation code must be preceded by a # delimiter.

An authorized ACS mailer must place the endorsement "Forwarding and Return Postage Guaranteed, Address Correction Requested" and the correct keyline on each mailpiece for which SPF is requested. (A separate identifier code may be maintained and used by the mailer for pieces on which only ACS service is desired. The Postal Service will provide ACS or SPF, and charge the corresponding fees, based on the mailer's choice of codes.) As proposed, SPF will provide forwarding for 1 year from the date that the recipient filed a change of address, and return (postage due) to the sender for 6 months more (i.e., for months 13 through 18 after the addressee's move). Customers receiving SPF packages will see a message on the USPS-applied forwarding label reading "FORWARDING POSTAGE PAID BY MAILER." The mailer will receive an electronic bill from the Postal Service's St. Louis Information Services Support Center that includes both forwarding postage and address correction notice fees. Other standards applicable to the forwarding, return, and address correction of fourth-class mail remain in force.

In conjunction with this proposal, the USPS also announces a change in the ACS frequency in F030.2.2 from "weekly or monthly" to "as requested by the mailer," reflecting the USPS