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## USPS TO HOLD INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC MEETING ON FIRST-CLASS MAIL AND PERIODICALS SERVICE STANDARD CHANGES ANNOUNCEMENT

WASHINGTON, DC - The Postal Service will hold a virtual public meeting on April 6, 2021 to discuss and receive comments on its proposed Service Standard Changes for First-Class Mail and Periodicals. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the conference will occur virtually, rather than at a physical location. Representatives of the Postal Service capable of discussing the policy rationale behind the Postal Service proposal will be made available at this time. The meeting is scheduled to occur from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

As announced today as part of its Ten-Year Strategic Plan, the Postal Service plans to modify existing service standards for First-Class Mail letters and flats from a current one-to-three day service standard within the continental United States to a one-to-five day service standard. In addition, the proposed changes would increase certain First-Class Mail service standards within the non-contiguous states and certain territories by one day. Certain end-to-end Periodicals would also be affected by the changes to First-Class Mail service standards. The Postal Service is proposing these changes to enhance the reliability and predictability of the service it provides, while enabling improved operational efficiencies.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Postal Service to educate the public on its proposal, and for interested persons to give feedback, which the Postal Service may use to modify or refine its proposal before it is filed at the Postal Regulatory Commission.

Interested participants may register to attend the conference by proceeding to the pre-filing conference registration page, which may be found at:

<https://about.usps.com/what/strategic-plans/delivering-for-america/#conference>.

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