

2003 Current Fiscal Year Report: President's Commission on the United States Postal Service

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Treasury

2. Fiscal Year

2003

3. Committee or Subcommittee

President's Commission on the United States Postal Service

3b. GSA

Committee No.

15199

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

Yes

5. Current Charter

12/17/2002

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

08/30/2003

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

08/30/2003

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Executive Order 13278

13. Effective Date

12/11/2002

14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

14c. Presidential?

Yes

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

Report Title

07/31/2003 Embracing the Future: Making the Tough Choices to Preserve Universal mail Service

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open

9

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

9

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

First Regular Meeting	01/08/2003 - 01/08/2003
Second Regular Meeting -- Report by Business Model Subcommittee	02/20/2003 - 02/20/2003
Third Regular Meeting -- Report by Technology Subcommittee	03/18/2003 - 03/18/2003
Fourth Regular Meeting -- Report by Private-Sector Partnership Subcommittee	04/04/2003 - 04/04/2003
Fifth Regular Meeting -- Report by Workforce Subcommittee	04/29/2003 - 04/29/2003
Sixth Regular Meeting	05/28/2003 - 05/28/2003
Seventh Regular Meeting	05/29/2003 - 05/29/2003
Eighth Regular Meeting. Adopted recommendations submitted by the Co-Chairs and the Business Model and Private-Sector Partnership Subcommittees.	07/16/2003 - 07/16/2003
Ninth Regular Meeting. Adopted recommendations submitted by the Technology Challenges and Opportunities and Workforce Subcommittees. Adopted draft final report.	07/23/2003 - 07/23/2003

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 9

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$387,868.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$407,954.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$33,702.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$9,353.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00

18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$207,588.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$1,046,465.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	4.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The President's Commission on the United States Postal Service has been formed to examine the state of the Postal Service and prepare and submit a report articulating a vision for the future of the Postal Service, recommending the legislative and administrative steps necessary to enact reforms needed to ensure the viability of postal services. The Commission will draw upon expertise from its members, solicit and review written viewpoints from the public, and convene public meetings in various cities in the United States to receive verbal testimony.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members were selected on a bipartisan basis. Care was given to ensure that members are not stakeholders in the mailing industry. They have a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated that eight meetings will be held from January to July 2003.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Commission was established because the United States Postal Service touches every

American. It is the linchpin of our domestic mailing industry, representing eight percent of our nation's Gross Domestic Product and nine million workers. It is timely to re-assess how the Postal Service should adapt to pressure from customers, competitors, and technology, and best fulfill its mission in the 21st century.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

NA

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Roger Kodat Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Government Financial Policy

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Aviles, Dionel	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	Aviles Engineering Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cogman, Don	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	CC Investments	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gallagher, Carolyn	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, James	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	Perseus, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Levin, Richard	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	Yale University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pearce, Harry	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	Hughes Electronics Corporation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Seabrook, Norman	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	New York City Correction Officer Benevolent Association	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Walker, Robert	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	Wexler Group	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wright, Joseph	12/11/2002	08/30/2003	PanAmSat	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

Not applicable. Section 4(a) of Executive Order No. 13278 states that the Commission is established within the Department of the Treasury for administrative purposes only. As such, the work of the Commission was not intended to further the mission of the Department of the Treasury. Section 3(a) of the Executive Order states that the mission of the Commission was to examine the state of the United States Postal Service, and to prepare and submit to the President a report articulating a proposed vision for the future of the United States Postal service and recommending the legislative and administrative reforms needed to ensure the viability of postal services.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

35

Number of Recommendations Comments

The 35 recommendations were adopted by the Commission during public meetings held in Washington, DC, on July 16, 2003, and July 23, 2003. A draft final report was also adopted by the Commission during the July 23, 2003, public meeting.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Commission's recommendations and report were adopted in July 2003. Of the Commission's 35 recommendations, 18 require Congressional action. The remaining recommendations require consideration and implementation by the United States Postal Service, not the Department of the Treasury.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

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Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO

- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

NA