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New postal rates will go into effect on January 26, 2014.

Just when we thought we'd seen everything . . . the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) throws a new twist at the USPS. Although the PRC has approved the USPS request for a price increase – it is only temporary and is being referred to as a “surcharge” rather than a permanent increase. The USPS must present a plan to phase out this “surcharge” by May 2014. When that plan is implemented is anyone’s guess. In the meantime, as you develop your 2014 mail plans . . . know that you will be faced with an increase in postage rates beginning January 26, 2014.

Although the rate of increase varies depending on the postal sorts, weight, class of mail, etc., you can plan on an overall 6% increase to your bottom line. You can find the complete rate details [here](#).

As always if you have questions, don't hesitate to call us!