

Before The
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Mail Processing Network Rationalization)	Docket No. N2012-1
Service Changes, 2012)	

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
NATIONAL POSTAL MAIL HANDLERS UNION

The National Postal Mail Handlers Union (“NPMHU”) gives notice, pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3001.20, of its intervention in the above-captioned matter. Documents relating to these proceedings may be served upon:

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The NPMHU is the exclusive collective bargaining representative for approximately 47,000 Mail Handlers employed by the United States Postal Service. The NPMHU members are responsible for loading and unloading trucks, transporting mail within the facility, preparing, sorting, and containerizing the mail for distribution and delivery, and operating a host of machinery and automated equipment to facilitate the distribution of the mail.

The Postal Service has requested an Advisory Opinion from the Commission regarding proposed changes in current service standards in order to “allow for a significant consolidation of the Postal Service’s mail processing and transportation networks.” See Request for the United States Postal Service for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, Dckt. N2012-1 (Dec. 5, 2012), at 1. As the Postal Service notes in its filing, the change in service standards would involve a “fundamental shift in processing incoming mail,” see Testimony of D. Williams, Dckt. N2012-1 (Dec. 5, 2011), at 13, which will necessarily affect the nature and timing of the work performed by NPMHU members. Moreover, the Postal Service’s ultimate goal—the consolidation of its mail processing networks made possible by the proposed change in service standards—would result in the closure or consolidation of a number of mail processing facilities, jeopardizing the work of a large number of NPMHU members.

The NPMHU requests a hearing on the Postal Service’s Request, and intends to actively participate in any hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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