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Before The  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
REPORT ON STATUS OF SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS  
(December 7, 1999)

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The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") hereby submits a report on the status of settlement negotiations in the "Ride-Along" case. This report is submitted in accordance with the statement of the Settlement Coordinator at the prehearing conference held October 28, 1999. At that time, it was the consensus of the participants engaged in settlement discussions that<sup>1</sup>

the parties will consult with one another and will either reach a conclusion in the case that would permit the parties to submit a joint stipulation and agreement or the Office of Consumer Advocate in consultation with the parties will submit a report to the Commission on the status of settlement discussions by December 7th.

OCA has consulted with the parties who have been actively engaged in settlement discussions. OCA can report that discussions are continuing. However, the participants have not yet reached the point of agreement on all issues. Accordingly, OCA proposes to submit a further report on or before December 15, 1999. That report

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<sup>1</sup> Tr. 1/9, II. 3-9.

will indicate whether agreement has been reached on settlement or, if not, on what issues consensus has been reached and what matters may require further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



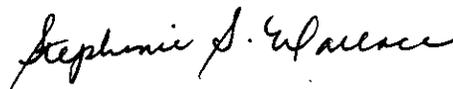
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.



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