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Before The
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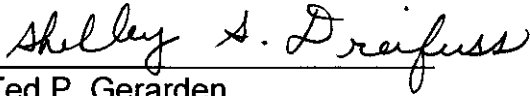
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Docket No. MC2000-2

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE TESTIMONY
OF WITNESS JAMES F. CALLOW (OCA-T-100)
(February 23, 2000)

Presiding Officer's Ruling No. MC2000-2/8¹ outlined a chain of consequences that would follow the withdrawal of Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) witness Callow's testimony—his appearance would be unnecessary, thereby making unnecessary his oral responses to written interrogatories and any other oral cross-examination. The OCA initially intended to time the withdrawal of the Callow testimony to follow the filing of a signed Stipulation and Agreement. However, due to computer malfunctioning at the Postal Service, it now appears that the Stipulation and Agreement cannot be completed today, in advance of the hearing. In order to avoid the inclusion of the Callow testimony in the record, only to have it withdrawn soon after, the OCA hereby withdraws OCA-T-100. It is now unnecessary for Mr. Callow to stand oral cross-examination on written and oral questions.

As per Ruling No. 8, the OCA will be prepared to state its views on appropriate dates for filing initial and reply briefs at the hearing.



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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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