

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. R2000-1

NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING TRIAL BRIEF

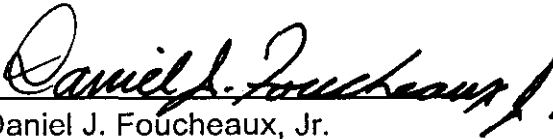
The procedural schedule in this docket designated today for filing a Postal Service trial brief. At the prehearing conference on February 16, the Presiding Officer clarified that such briefs were optional. Accordingly, the Postal Service gives notice that it does not intend to file a trial brief.

The continuing demands of discovery have left little time to devote to preparing a trial brief. Furthermore, the Postal Service notes that any benefits to be derived by the Commission and the participants from a Postal Service trial brief are already provided by the Postal Service's initial filing and testimony, or have emerged from the Postal Service's answers during the lengthy discovery period. Accordingly, the Postal Service does not believe that any participant will be disadvantaged by the lack of a Postal Service trial brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I have this day 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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