

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Before The  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000 )

Docket No. R2000-1

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
REPLY TO RESPONSE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING  
DESIGNATION OF DOCUMENTS  
(September 8, 2000)

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To: Hon. Edward J. Gleiman  
Presiding Officer

The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), pursuant to Rule 21(b) of the Rules of Practice of the Postal Rate Commission ("Commission"), hereby requests permission of the Presiding Officer to file a reply to "Response of United States Postal Service in Partial Opposition to the OCA's September 6<sup>th</sup> Designation of Materials for Inclusion in the Record," filed September 7, 2000. Below is the OCA's reply to the Postal Service September 7 Response.

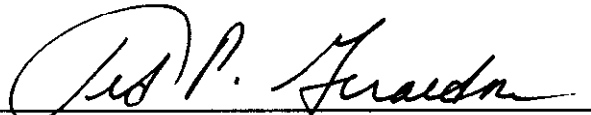
The Postal Service objects to inclusion of witness Richard Strasser's formal response, on behalf of Postmaster General Henderson, to the Commission's inquiry concerning the Postal Service's policy on the use of ECI-1 in labor negotiations. The issue was significant enough for the Commission to direct an inquiry to the Postmaster General; it appears appropriate to include the Postal Service's response to that inquiry in the hearing record.

The Postal Service objects to inclusion of the full text of articles that were provided by the Commission to witnesses concerning Notice of Inquiry No. 4. While the indication was that witnesses addressing NOI No. 4 would be questioned on these articles, not every witness's views were solicited during cross-examination. That should not prevent any participant from offering views related to these articles on brief.

In the event that the Presiding Officer determines that inclusion in the evidentiary record is not appropriate for any of these materials, an alternative would be for the Presiding Officer to file them as Library References.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE



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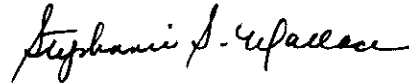
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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.

Handwritten signature of Stephanie S. Wallace in cursive script.

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