

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

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Complaint on Sunday
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Docket No. C2001-1

COMMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER
ADVOCATE ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION
(April 17, 2001)

The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), pursuant to Rule 21(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, hereby comments on the "Response of the United States Postal Service to Order No. 1307, and Motion for Reconsideration," filed April 10, 2001. The OCA has reviewed both the Postal Service Response and the "Answer in Opposition to Postal Service Motion for Reconsideration" filed April 13, 2001, by the Complainant, Douglas F. Carlson.

The OCA agrees with and supports the argument made by the Complainant in the April 13 Answer. It is the view of the OCA that the Complaint as amended should be permitted to proceed, and that the Commission should establish a procedural schedule in this proceeding. For the reasons given in Docket No. MC2001-1, the OCA also suggests that the Commission consider compiling the record in this Complaint proceeding through use of "paper" hearing procedures.

Conclusion

Wherefore, the OCA supports the Complainant's Answer and urges the Commission to deny the Postal Service's Motion for Reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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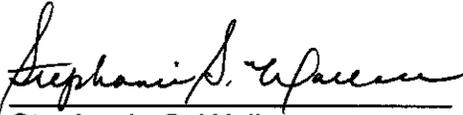
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I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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