

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

SECOND REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AS SETTLEMENT COORDINATOR
(November 9, 2001)

On November 2, 2001, the Postal Service filed its first report, pursuant to remarks made by the Presiding Officer at the Prehearing Conference in this docket.¹ The Presiding Officer had encouraged participants to undertake settlement discussions, in light of the extraordinary events of the past several weeks, and he designated the Postal Service to serve as settlement coordinator. Based on a meeting with interested parties on October 30, 2001, the Postal Service's first report stated that there appeared to be potential for settlement. The report stated that the Postal Service would consult with intervenors individually and in groups to discuss settlement further, and would report again by today.

The Postal Service has met and consulted with several intervenors during the past week. At present, no final conclusions have been reached regarding the terms of a comprehensive settlement proposal. The Postal Service continues to believe that settlement is possible, however, and will continue its consultations. It will report again

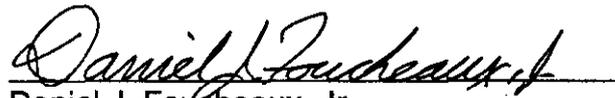
¹ First Report of the United States Postal Service as Settlement Coordinator, Docket No. R2001-1 (Nov. 2, 2001).

no later than November 16, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

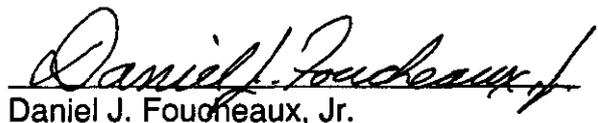
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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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