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Docket No. R2001-1

THIRD REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AS SETTLEMENT COORDINATOR
(November 19, 2001)

On November 9, 2001, the Postal Service filed its second report on settlement discussions in the instant docket.¹ The report indicated that a third report would be filed no later than November 16. On November 16, the Postal Service and a broad spectrum of intervenors participated in another general meeting at Postal Service Headquarters to discuss settlement.² Time did not permit filing a report following that meeting.

During the second general meeting, the Postal Service, participating intervenors, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate exchanged views on the terms of a possible settlement agreement, in light of the Postal Service's financial situation. Although no conclusions were reached on settlement, the participants agreed to pursue their

¹ Second Report of the United States Postal Service as Settlement Coordinator, Docket No. R2001-1 (Nov. 9, 2001).

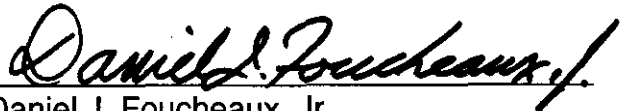
² Notice of the United States Postal Service Regarding Second Informal Settlement Conference, Docket No. R2001-1 (Nov. 13, 2001).

discussions further. The Postal Service continues to believe that settlement is possible. It will report again no later than November 30, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

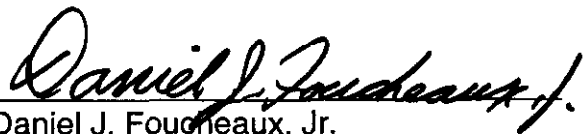
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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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