

BEFORE THE
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Docket No. R2001-1

FIFTH REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AS SETTLEMENT COORDINATOR
(December 10, 2001)

On November 30, 2001, the Postal Service filed its fourth report on settlement discussions in the instant docket.¹ The report indicated that a fifth report would be filed no later than December 10.

The Postal Service has continued discussions with intervenors to consider proposed terms of settlement. At the December meeting of the Postal Service's Board of Governors, December 4, 2001, Chairman Rider announced that the Board had unanimously adopted a motion directing the Postal Service to conclude settlement negotiations with the Board's concurrence, and to seek commitment from the parties on a settlement proposal, one way or the other, by December 28, 2001.

The Postal Service continues to believe that settlement among a substantial

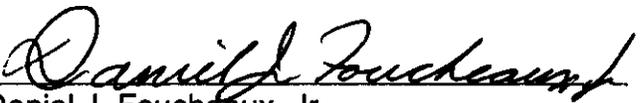
¹. Fourth Report of the United States Postal Service as Settlement Coordinator, Docket No R2001-1 (Nov. 30, 2001).

number of participants is possible. Another status report will be filed no later than December 17, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

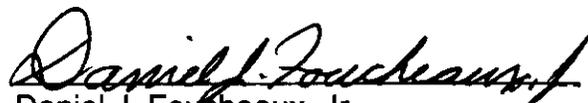
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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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