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Mr. William T. Johnstone  
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Re: Postal Rate Commission Recommended Decision, Docket R2001-1


Dear Mr. Johnstone:


As signatories to the Stipulation and Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") in the Docket R2001-1 rate case, the Mail Order Association of America (MOAA), the Saturation Mail Coalition (SMC), and ADVO, Inc. (Advo) fully support the Postal Rate Commission's Recommended Decision adopting and recommending the Settlement rates to the Governors.

The near-unanimous settlement in this case, undertaken at the initiative of PRC Chairman Omas and marshaled by the efforts of USPS Chief Rate Counsel Dan Foucheaux and other participants, is unprecedented. While we, like many other parties, might have preferred rates that differed in some respects from those agreed upon in the Settlement, the parties have set aside their differences in the interest of a set of rates and an implementation date that are mutually agreeable to all, given the unique circumstances of this case.

We therefore urge the Governors to adopt the Recommended Decision and implement the recommended rates in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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cc: All Parties in Docket R2001-1