

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

Experimental Rate and Service Changes)
To Implement Negotiated Service Agreement)
With Capital One Services, Inc.)

Docket No. MC2002-2

OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
COMMENTS ON NEED FOR PUBLIC
NOTICE OF OCA PROPOSALS
(January 13, 2003)

Two parties have suggested that the Office of Consumer Advocate's (OCA) proposed classification changes are so different from the Postal Service's original request that the Commission is obliged to publish a new notice in the Federal Register.¹ The OCA has no objection to the issuance of such a notice. However, the OCA has not been able to think of any party that might want to intervene now who is not already aware of the OCA's proposal.

In this docket, the Commission has given notice of the requested classifications and rates. The OCA proposes identical rates. The differences between the Postal Service's request and the OCA's proposal relate to the eligibility for a given set of rates. The Postal Service has proposed that new rates only be available to Capital One. The OCA proposes that those same rates be available to a wider class of mailers, including

¹ Response of American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO, to Motion of Postcom et al. To Schedule Rebuttal Testimony, January 8, 2003; [Capital One] Notice of Intent to Object to Admission of OCA Testimony and Request for Declaratory Ruling, January 8, 2002, at 4.

Capital One. Certainly interested parties who saw the Commission's original Notice of this proceeding could have anticipated the possibility of the Commission's recommending classification language that differed from that requested by the Postal Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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