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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

SIX-DAY TO FIVE-DAY STREET DELIVERY
AND RELATED SERVICE CHANGES

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RESPONSE OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES' WITNESS BROWN
TO DOUGLAS F. CARLSON INTERROGATORY
(DCF/PR-T-1-2)

The Public Representatives hereby provide the responses of witness Brown (PR-T-1) to Douglas F. Carlson Interrogatory DFC/PR-T1-2. The interrogatory is set out in its entirety and followed by a response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please clarify whether you believe that the Postal Service's proposal to eliminate collection and processing of outgoing mail on Saturdays would reduce voter turnout in elections or delay timely delivery of mailed ballots.

Response:

When preparing my testimony, I focused mainly on the proposal as a whole, and not necessarily on the impact of a single component. However, based on my conversations with county clerks in rural communities, I do believe that the proposed service reduction would delay the timely delivery of mailed ballots in Oregon's rural communities.

There are also scenarios in which voter turnout could be affected, again particularly in rural communities. County clerks in Oregon are only able to mail a ballot out to a voter up to five days before an election. The elimination of collection and processing of outgoing mail on Saturdays ("related service changes" included in the proposal) will affect the number of ballots that can go out ahead of the deadline for receiving a ballot by the deadline, as many voters in rural counties will not make the trip into the clerk's office to pick up a replacement ballot.