

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

RETAIL ACCESS OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE

Docket No. N2011-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. N2011-1/6  
(September 6, 2011)**

On September 1, the Presiding Officer issued P.O. Ruling No. 1/6, which requested that the Postal Service produce an institutional witness or set of witnesses to respond to questioning on several topics, most of which are addressed in or related to the subject matter of the Postal Service's response to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2.<sup>1</sup> The Ruling directed that the Postal Service designate a person or persons to testify on its behalf by September 6, 2011 and that such witness or witnesses appear at the upcoming hearing on September 8.

The Postal Service respectfully submits that witness Boldt is prepared to address the topics identified in P.O. Ruling No. 1/6. However, should there be any questions raised by the Commissioners that exceed witness Boldt's knowledge or responsibilities, the Postal Service will call Mr. Dean Granholm, Vice President, Delivery and Post Office Operations, at the conclusion of witness Boldt's appearance at the September 8 hearing. Mr. Granholm would address any matters within the scope of the topics raised in P.O. Ruling No. 1/6 and not

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<sup>1</sup> , The Postal Service filed responses to questions 1-11 and 13-18 of Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2 on August 30, 2011.

otherwise within witness Boldt's knowledge or responsibilities. The Postal Service is confident that this sequence of witness appearances will satisfy the Commission's interest in developing a complete evidentiary record to facilitate preparation of an advisory opinion in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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