

Docket No. MC2012-26

Re: Opposition to P O Box enhancements.

The new services in which the United States Postal Service (USPS) has enacted for its PO Boxes has created an unfair competitive advantage over the small neighborhood Commercial Mail Receiving Agency (CMRA). The postal system which regulates all Private Mail Boxes (PMB) is not party to the same set of rules.

CMRA Rules:

- No change of address (COA)
- Must handle mail for 6 months for all departed and cancelled customers.
- No free forwarding for customers

Rules for USPS and its PO Box holders:

- Allowed free change of address
- Relief from PO Box to street address
- Free forwarding
- Receive packages from private carriers

By creating these changes the USPS has created an unfair advantage for them selves. It has even gone so far as to request a 5 day delivery service to all public entities, but allow all USPS PO Box customers a six day service.

It is unrealistic to ask small business like myself to compete with the Postal Service. We do not have the deep pockets as does the USPS which uses millions of dollars in their advertising campaigns nor do we receive the tax advantages the USPS receives. I find it so hard to believe, when the USPS moved a few of its PO Box service from Market Dominant to the competitive list to test increased rental rates and then expanded its list to contain over 6800 zip codes. The full intent of the USPS was to compete with the CMRA industry on an uneven playing field. It not only can regulate our industry but it will be able to make its product a stronger one in the eyes of its customers. The CMRA industry has grown our product with determination and with no help from the USPS. It has regulated our industry for their benefit and is again asking to PRC to give them the benefit of our hard work and allow them to use a street address for their PO Box holders with a different set of rules.

It is my opinion that the USPS needs to do a better job in competing with its main competitors UPS and Federal Express rather than to try to take the business away from the small CMRA operator. This is a monopoly who feels it can regulate our industry and at the same time can sell competitive products. I respectfully request that the PRC ask them to cease offering these unfair PO Box enhancements.

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