

Office of the Secretary

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Manager, Mailing Standards U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Room 4446 Washington, DC 20260-4446

> Re: Comments on Proposed Rule Regarding Group E Post Office Box Service

Dear Manager, Mailing Standards:

Enclosed please find the Postal Regulatory Commission's comments in response to the United States Postal Service's proposed rule seeking to change the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) standards for Group E Post Office Box Service. See 75 FR 71642 (November 24, 2010).

As the enclosed comments discuss in greater detail, the Postal Regulatory Commission opposes one of the proposed rule's catch-all provisions. Specifically, proposed DMM section 508.4.6.3(b)(3) raises issues with respect to the Postal Service's ability to successfully fulfill its Universal Service Obligation. The Commission therefore urges the Postal Service to amend the proposed rule in conformance with suggestions made in the enclosed comments.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Shoshana M. Grove Secretary

Commissioner Tony Hammond dissents

Enclosure