

CONCURRING OPINION OF COMMISSIONER HAMMOND

While the Negotiated Service Agreement between Valassis and the U.S. Postal Service met the other requirements for approval, too much evidence was presented to the Commission by the many opponents of this NSA for me to conclude that it would not cause unreasonable harm to the marketplace. By law, that is a major factor the Postal Regulatory Commission must consider.

Although I opposed the NSA, I am joining in approval of this Order because the Newspaper Association of America has not met the burden of proof justifying a stay of a final Commission Order.