

July 29, 2008

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review  
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Attention: Advisory Panel,

Dear Sir/Madam:

The National Union of Public and General Employees is concerned that the federal government is considering deregulation of our public postal system using the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review process.

Our first concern is that this Review process does not include public input. As the public continues to be the owner of Canada Post, public hearings in multiple locations across Canada would be the most appropriate course of action. This is not happening.

Our second concern is the impact deregulating the postal service will have on the quality, universality, and environmental impact of postal delivery. The Canadian public, small businesses and non-profit organizations all rely on a regulated Canada Post to provide reasonably priced service throughout our large country. It provides the infrastructure in isolated northern communities and small towns essential for businesses to grow locally.

A regulated public postal service that has exclusive rights for letter delivery is able to set fair rates that are sufficient to defray the costs incurred by this vast public service. Canadians expect that any profits obtained by their postal service will be invested in improvements for the service – like post offices, rural delivery, and door to door delivery. This non-profit aspect is important to Canadians.

Deregulation threatens affordable service for all by opening mail delivery up to profit driven businesses. It has been shown that deregulation in other countries has led to fewer jobs, less service and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses. Postal rates in far smaller countries, like the UK and Sweden, have increased at a much greater rate than in Canada after these countries deregulated their service.

Canada Post can now maximize the efficiency of delivery and vehicle use. This ensures the best environmental practices. With a competitive model and many companies delivering in the same community, greenhouse gas emissions would be multiplied as numerous vehicles visited our communities to deliver mail. A regulated system is more environmentally friendly.

Canada Post currently provides safe, unionized jobs, with fair wages, and good working conditions. A deregulated postal system would destroy jobs and transform good jobs to bad



jobs with a profit driven business model where wages and benefits compete with the bottom line profits.

The post office is and should remain a publicly-owned enterprise, responsible to the public and Parliament. Canada Post needs to focus less on profit making and more on public interest objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'LB' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Larry Brown  
National Secretary-Treasurer

cc. Denis Lemelin, National President of Canadian Union of Postal Workers