would be beneficial, and adopts the change as proposed.

Responsibilities of Limited Participants (Rule 20a(c))

Existing rule 20a(c) provides that limited participators are not required to respond to discovery requests. The final rule qualifies this exception by requiring limited participators to respond to discovery requests when those requests are directed specifically to testimony limited participators have submitted. This provision was part of the unopposed settlement, submitted by the OCA, and generated no opposition during the most recent comment period. Accordingly, the rule is adopted as proposed.

Transcript Corrections (Rule 30(i))

Existing rules do not explicitly address the scope of transcript corrections. The change proposed in the settlement agreement, as a new subsection (i) in rule 30, specifies that transcript corrections should be limited to corrections of material substantive error in the transcription of oral statements made at the hearing. The Commission agrees that clarification of the informal practice that has developed is useful, and welcomes this change. However, as official reporters sometimes transcribe written material presented at hearings as well as oral statements, the Commission believes it would be preferable to eliminate the restriction to 'oral statements." With this modification, the rule is adopted as proposed.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Commission certifies that this rulemaking is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 3001

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

For reasons set out in the preamble, 39 CFR part 3001 is amended as follows:

PART 3001—RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

1. The authority citation for part 3001 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 39 U.S.C. 404(b), 3603, 3622–3624, 3661, 3662.

2. Section 3001.10 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 3001.10 Form and number of copies of documents.

(a) Production. If not printed, documents filed with the Commission shall be produced on paper of letter size, 8 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 inches long, with left- and right-hand margins not less than 1 inch and other margins not less than 0.75 inches, except tables, charts or special documents attached thereto may be larger if required, provided that they are folded to the size of the document to which they are attached. The impression shall be on only one side of the paper unless there are more than ten pages. The text shall be not less than one and one-half spaced except that footnotes and quotations may be single spaced. Any typeface not smaller than elite or a comparable size expressed in points or characters per inch may be used. If the document is bound, it shall be bound on the left side. Copies of documents for filing and service may be reproduced by any duplicating process that produces clear and legible copies.

3. Section 3001.12 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 3001.12 Service of documents.

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(b) Service by the parties. Every document filed by any person with the Commission in a proceeding shall be served by the person filing such document upon the participants in the proceeding individually or by such groups as may be directed by the Commission or presiding officer except for discovery requests governed by §§ 3001.25 (a) and (c), 3001.26 (a) and (c), and 3001.27 (a) and (c). Special requests relating to discovery must be served individually upon the party conducting discovery and state the witness who is the subject of the special request.

4. Section 3001.20a is amended by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 3001.20a Limited participation by persons not parties.

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(c) Scope of participation. Subject to the provisions of § 3001.30(f), limited participators may present evidence which is relevant to the issues involved in the proceeding and their testimony shall be subject to cross-examination on the same terms applicable to that of formal participants. Limited participants may file briefs or proposed findings pursuant to §§ 3001.34 and 3001.35, and within 15 days after the release of an intermediate decision, or such other time as may be fixed by the

Commission, they may file a written statement of their position on the issues. The Commission or the presiding officer may require limited participators having substantially like interests and positions to join together for any or all of the above purposes. Limited participators are not required to respond to discovery requests under § 3001.25 through § 3001.28 except to the extent that those requests are directed specifically to testimony which the limited participators provided in the proceeding; however, limited participators, particularly those making contentions under 39 U.S.C. 3622(b)(4), are advised that failure to provide relevant and material information in support of their claims will be taken into account in determining the weight to be placed on their evidence and arguments.

5. Section 3001.25 is amended by revising paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) to read as follows:

§ 3001.25 Interrogatories for purpose of discovery.

(a) Service and contents. In the interest of expedition and limited to information which appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, any participant may serve upon any other participant in a proceeding written interrogatories requesting nonprivileged information relevant to the subject matter in such proceeding, to be answered by the participant served, who shall furnish such information as is available to the participant. A participant through interrogatories may require any other participant to identify each person whom the other participant expects to call as a witness at the hearing and to state the subject matter on which the witness is expected to testify. The participant serving the interrogatories shall file a copy thereof with the Secretary pursuant to § 3001.9 and shall serve a copy upon the Postal Service. Special requests for service by other participants shall be honored.

(b) Answers. Each interrogatory shall be answered separately and fully in writing, unless it is objected to, in which event the reasons for objection shall be stated in the manner prescribed by paragraph (c) of this section. The party responding to the interrogatories shall serve the answers on the party who served the interrogatories within 20 days of the service of the interrogatories or within such other period as may be fixed by the presiding officer, but before the conclusion of the hearing. The answers are to be signed by the person making them. If the person responding to the interrogatory is unavailable to