

What follows are the comments of Paul Rector in regards to the strategic review of Canada Post.

1) Security of the mail. How will allowing competition increase security of the items that Canadians send in the post?

2) For Canada Post to ensure universal postal service at a flat rate for all Canadians, they need to have access to all letters mailed within Canada; otherwise the competition will only mail within the profitable centres and leave the rest for Canada Post.

3) Canadians continue to show that we want a universal postal system that charges everyone the same rate. The largest customers of Canada Post are the Canadian people themselves, not the individual business that bring in the most monies to Canada Post. While it is understandable how we can mistake the businesses as the main customers of Canada Post; the bottom line for all business is profit. More competition may usually indicate that a cheaper price will come; when it comes to mailing letters more competition will definitely have the opposite affect since Canada Post will not be getting the revenue that it needs to be able to offer a flat rate to all Canadians. The new companies that compete with Canada Post; will they have a social conscience like Canada Post? Will they offer free mailings to our troops in Afganistan? Free posting matter for the blind?

4) All countries need a certain level of jobs that offer a 'livable wage', verses jobs near the minimum wage. Will the companies that compete with Canada Post offer jobs at the same rate of pay as those who work for Canada Post? Will the employees of the competitors have access to the same level of health and safety that Canada Post employees have access to?

5) Will you be looking into the environmental impact of any changes that are proposed? If more than one company delivers the mail, how many more vechiles will be driving down the same streets to deliver the mail that use to be delivered by one person in one vehicle? If mail gets misdelivered to an address that Canada Post delivers to by another company, who will re deliver it to the right address that is no longer done by Canada Post?

6) With the auto industry et. al. losing jobs, can the country afford to pay for more layoffs as Canada Post will not be able to employ the numer of employees that they currently have?

7) What are the main reasons for the current review? Why is the public not being told about this? Shoule we not be holding a plebiscite over this issue? Since this will affect the majority of Canadians we should be inviting the majority of Canadains to a public review of Canada Post.

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