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Subject: RE: Recusal - reactive media statement [WBDUK-AC.FID26896945]

Jane

Not legal points, just touch and feel really.

I would **delete** highlight and **add** red.

Reasons for deletion: could irritate judge further if he remains.

Reasons for addition: without the addition Post Office could be seen as saying it prefers litigation as a method...whereas the reality is that Post office wants resolution...and it just so happens the only current path to resolution is litigation. And picking up Rod's point with "certain of".

I think my suggested addition is more important than the deletion – as the very thrust of the application is about the judge's ability to be impartial, but that is said through the mouth of the lawyers and not Post Office directly.

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From: Jane MacLeod [GRO]
Sent: 21 March 2019 10:20
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Subject: Recusal - reactive media statement

All

The following is the text of a proposed reactive media statement – please scream urgently if there is anything in this that is problematic for you, as we need to get it to our Board and UKGI etc.

Many thanks,

Jane

“We have reflected in great depth on the proceedings and detailed judgment from the first trial and will continue to consider all options.

As part of this, we have made an application today for the sitting Judge to be recused from the ongoing and upcoming trials. We are acutely aware of the significance of this application, but we have serious reservations about the Judge’s ability to remain impartial in these proceedings.

We will continue with our improvement programme and are urgently considering how we can accelerate this work and address certain of the criticisms about our operations raised in the judgment. We recognise that we must always continue to do better in the interests of our customers and postmasters.

We continue to believe that resolution of the group litigation remains the best opportunity to resolve long-standing issues in order to ensure a stable and sustainable Post Office network for the benefit of the communities who rely on our services every single day.”



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