

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

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COMPLAINT ON POST E.C.S.

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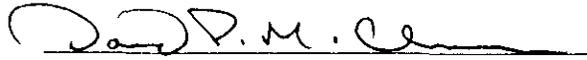
MOTION OF  
THE ASSOCIATION OF ONLINE PROFESSIONALS  
TO INTERVENE AS A LIMITED PARTICIPATOR  
(December 21, 1998)

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1. The Association of Online Professionals is a non-profit trade association of businesses and individuals involved in Internet access, business and electronic commerce, and does business at 6096 Franconia Road, Suite D, Alexandria, VA 22315.
2. Founded in 1994 by leading companies in the online services industry, the Association of Online Professionals is the principal trade association serving the U.S. Internet access, business and electronic commerce industries. Its members include local, national and international internet service providers; software publishers, hardware manufacturers, back-office solution providers for electronic commerce; web-based communities; and others engaged in policy and regulatory issues related to the business of the Internet. The Association's principal activity is to monitor and make input to state and national public policy with respect to the Internet, including such activities as are deemed necessary to maintain an open, competitive market for Internet and e-commerce services.
3. The Association of Online Professionals has an interest in the matter before the Postal Rate Commission with regard to Post Electronic Courier Service (Post E.C.S.), and is specifically interested that:
  - a) The United States Postal Service should not, by virtue of its governmental status or otherwise, obtain any special privileges or advantages that will give it a competitive advantage over private enterprise companies in furnishing secure electronic transmission of documents or reliable authentication of documents; and
  - b) The United States Postal Service, if it elects to participate in these and related types of services, should do so at prices and on terms that are fair and that do not give the Postal Service an unfair advantage through cross-subsidization of Post E.C.S. service.

4. The Association requests that it be permitted to become a party to the proceeding under Docket No. C99-1 as a limited participant.

Respectfully Submitted



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Dated: December 21, 1998

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I have caused to be served the foregoing document on all parties to this proceeding by first class mail, postage prepaid, in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

David P. M. Chen

Dated: December 21, 1998