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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

SPECIAL SERVICES REFORM, 1996

Docket No. MC96-3

AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION
RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED AT
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION
OMITTED FROM INTERVENTION

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The American Bankers Association (ABA) submits this response to issues raised at the prehearing conference held on July 12, 1996.

Special Rule 3. B. for this proceeding provides for e-mail service on parties who have indicated their willingness to receive electronic service. ABA is interested in electronic service, but suggests that the Special Rules be amended to specifically state that any party wishing to revert from electronic to hard copy service be able to do so by serving a notice to that effect. Such a provision would enable parties to deal more easily with the vagaries of electronic communication.

After receiving clarification from the Commission staff members designated at the prehearing conference, ABA has determined that it will use electronic service on the parties listed on the service list as willing to receive electronic service. ABA also expresses its willingness to receive

decision. After the board of directors' decision to intervene, counsel consulted with the legal offices of the MMA member companies, which are located throughout the United States. MMA's Notice of Intervention is being filed as soon as possible after counsel has obtained all the necessary approvals.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, MMA asks permission to intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



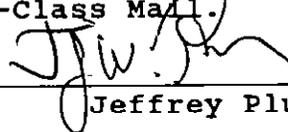
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document (1) upon the U.S. Postal Service by hand delivery and (2) upon the other parties by First-Class Mail.



Jeffrey Plummer

July 15, 1996

electronic service at the following e-mail address:

IWarden@ABA.com.

In response to the Presiding Officer's remarks, ABA wishes to inform the Commission that in addition to the post office box and certified mail issues specified in ABA's notice of intervention, ABA will pursue issues related to the proposed changes in return receipt and caller service fees.

ABA's notice of intervention omitted the facsimile number of ABA's counsel, which is (202) 828-4548.

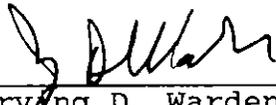
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "I. D. Warden", is written over a horizontal line.

Irving D. Warden

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date caused the foregoing document to be served upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice. For participants listed on the service list as willing to receive electronic service, service has been made in accordance with procedure 3 as set out in Special Rule of Practice 3. B.



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