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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS

ABP is an association of the nation's leading publishers of business, professional and medical periodicals, which are mailed almost exclusively at the regular Periodicals rates. ABP members publish more than 1,000 periodicals and pay roughly \$200,000,000 in Periodicals postage alone. They also use substantial amounts of First-Class and Standard A mail, but the focus of ABP's participation in this docket will be the enormous increase proposed for Periodicals, which will compound significant increases for nearly all ABP members in the reclassification case, Docket No. MC95-1, and in R97-1. While the Postal Service claims that the average increase requested for outside of county Periodicals in this proceeding is 12.7%, our calculations and the calculations of others indicate that the vast majority of Regular Rate periodicals will suffer increases of about 14%-15.5%, which should be obvious from the percentage increases in the individual rate cells.¹ The attached charts prepared by an ABP member show mailing characteristics for four Periodicals with circulations of 13,275, 30,816,

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86,034 and 105,594 that are typical of the business press in terms of size and billing determinants. The increases shown there are 14.77%, 14.41%, 14.70%, 14.83% respectively.²

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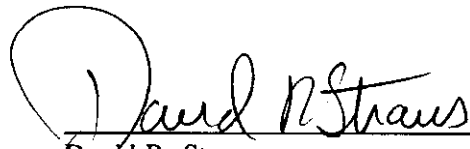
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II.

ABP requests a hearing on this matter and intends to participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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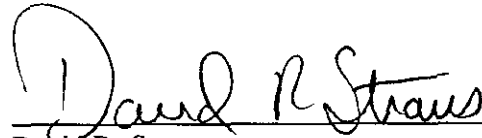
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² Another member calculated the increases for 11 publications. One showed an increase of 12.9%, but the other 10 ranged from 14.3% to 15.5%, averaging just over 15%.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 19th day of January, 2000 served the foregoing document upon all of the participants in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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