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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000: Docket R2000-1

Notice of Intervention by the Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA)

COALITION OF RELIGIOUS PRESS ASSOCIATIONS

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Association of State Baptist Papers
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The Coalition of Religious Press Associations (CRPA) hereby indicates its intention

to intervene in the above-named proceeding in accordance with 39 U.S.C. section 3624

and section 20 of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

Members of the Coalition use all classes of mail, but their major volume consists

of Periodicals and Standard A mail. CRPA members are almost exclusively not-for-

profit publications and companies. Postal rates and mailing requirements for these sub-

classes of mail are therefore the primary interests of CRPA in this proceeding.

With respect to Docket R2000-1, CRPA expects to address the proposed rates for

Periodical and Standard A, preferred-rate mailers; issues related to those rates; and

other issues that may arise during the course of the proceeding.

CRPA has a statutory interest in the matters to be heard and decided in this pro-

ceeding which are of such a nature that its intervention is necessary and appropriate. Its

interests cannot adequately be represented by any other party to this proceeding.

CRPA requests a hearing and will be an active participant in this proceeding.

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February 10, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

Dr. John Stapert

February 10, 2000