

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001**

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION BY
PITNEY BOWES INC.**

Pitney Bowes Inc. submits this Notice of Intervention pursuant to Section 3001.20 of the Commission's Rules (39 C.F.R. § 3001.20). Pursuant to the requirements of such Rule, Pitney Bowes states as follows:

1. The persons who are to receive the service of documents relating to the above-captioned proceeding are:

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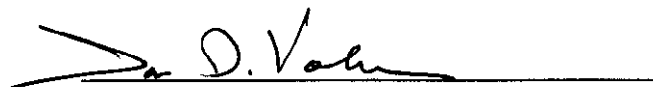
2. Pitney Bowes is a major manufacturer and distributor of dedicated postal meters and computer-based metering technology ("Metering Technology"). As a result, Pitney Bowes and its customers have a direct interest in the rates of postage, and particularly the First-Class postage rates, that the Postal Service proposes as well as other

proposals the Postal Service has made with respect to the deployment of Metering Technology in this case.

3. Pitney Bowes requests a hearing and will participate actively in all proceedings in this matter. It is Pitney Bowes' particular position that mailers' use of Metering Technology enables the Postal Service to avoid significant costs associated with the manufacture, distribution and sale of postage stamps and further benefits the Postal Service by promoting loyalty to the use of the postal system and facilitating increased mail volume. The First-Class single piece rates proposed by the Postal Service, however, do not reflect these cost savings and other benefits and, therefore, unfairly and improperly imposes upon users of Metering Technology costs that they do not cause the Postal Service to incur. Accordingly, Pitney Bowes submits and will demonstrate during the course of these proceedings that at least some portion of the cost savings generated by metered mail users should be passed through to those users in the form of a discount from the otherwise applicable First-Class, single piece rate.

4. For the foregoing reasons, Pitney Bowes gives notice of its intention to intervene in these proceedings.

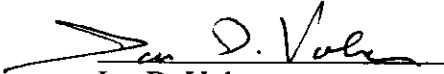
Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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


Ian D. Volner

February 14, 2000