Before the POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF STAMPS.COM INC. AS FULL PARTICIPANT

Stamps.com Inc. ("Stamps.com") hereby gives notice of its intervention in the above proceeding as a full participant pursuant to the Postal Rate Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure at 39 CFR § 3001.20.

1. The names and addresses of the persons who are to receive service of documents relating to this proceeding are:

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- 2. Stamps.com is a provider of postage delivered via the Internet to a user's computer under the U.S. Postal Service's Information Based Indicia Program (IBIP). Stamps.com provides this service with no need for the user to attach additional hardware or external security devices to the user's own computer or printer. The service is available 24-hours per day, seven days per week.
- 3. To use the service, the user first transmits to Stamps.com the intended recipient's address. Stamps.com then verifies the address against USPS's national

address database. The address is corrected and modified as necessary to meet USPS database and address quality requirements and is returned to the user. The user then prints out the verified and corrected address together with the IBIP postage. The verified and corrected address is generally printed with a FIM code, a current USPS-approved nine-digit ZIP Code, a Delivery Point Barcode, and an IBIP-approved indicium. The IBIP indicium contains machine-readable mail processing information and security data, and provides a technology platform for future information services.

- 4. As a marketer and provider of postage and postal services to the public, Stamps.com has a substantial interest in the rates and classifications for postage. Stamps.com's service currently can be used for First Class Mail, Priority Mail, Express Mail, Parcel Post, Delivery Confirmation, Certified Mail, Return Receipt, Insurance, and Registered Mail. Stamps.com is itself also a substantial user of postal services.
- 5. For the above reasons, Stamps.com intervenes in these proceedings as an active participant and requests a hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 23, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this	$\frac{23}{2}$ day of _	October	2001, served the
foregoing document in accordance wi	th the Commi	ssion's Rules	of Practice.

David P. Hendel