

**BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R2001-1

**MOTION OF THE NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION
FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A LATE FILING OF
NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**

In accordance with the rules of practice, the National Retail Federation ("NRF") moves for acceptance of a late filing of a Notice of Intervention.

NRF is the world's largest retail trade association with membership that includes the leading department, specialty and independent stores as well as discount and mass merchandise retailers and 32 national and 50 state associations. Directly, and through NRF's state and national associations, NRF represents more than 50,000 retailers. NRF's members make use of virtually all classes of mail, particularly First Class Mail and Standard Mail. Its interest in this proceeding is principally in the rates that have been proposed for First Class Presorted Mail.

NRF is aware of the proposed settlement of this matter and intends to support that settlement provided that an acceptable implementation date for increased rates can be agreed upon.

Permitting NRF to intervene at this date will not delay the proceedings nor prejudice any party.

Respectfully submitted,



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