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Before Commissioners: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman;
George W. Haley, Vice Chairman;
W. H. "Trey" LeBlanc, III;
H. Edward Quick, Jr., and George A. Omas

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

ORDER GRANTING LATE INTERVENTION

(September 23, 1997)

On September 15, 1997, U.S. News & World Report, L.P. filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene Late as a Limited Participator. U.S. News indicates that relocating its offices during July and August caused the delay in filing.

On September 18, 1997, the American Public Power Association (APPA) filed a motion to intervene late as a full participant. APPA states that its members will be seriously impacted by the proposed increases in rates for presorted letters and cards and that its participation will be in the public interest.

As there is no apparent prejudice or harm in the late intervention of U.S. News & World Report and APPA, the Commission accepts these interventions subject to (a) U.S. News & World Report's and APPA's compliance with rulings and orders already issued and (b) oppositions filed by other participants pursuant to rule 20(d) [39 CFR § 3001.20(d)].

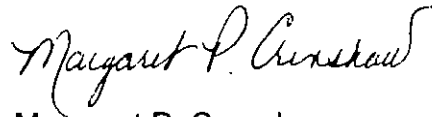
It is ordered:

1. U.S. News & World Report, L.P.'s Motion for Leave to Intervene Late as a Limited Participator, filed September 15, 1997, is granted, subject to compliance with rulings and orders already issued and timely-filed objections.

2. The request of the American Public Power Association to intervene late as a Full Participant, filed September 18, 1997, is granted, subject to compliance with rulings and orders already issued and timely filed objections.

By the Commission.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret P. Crenshaw".

Margaret P. Crenshaw
Secretary