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Before Commissioners:

Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman
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Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION AS LIMITED PARTICIPATORS
BY OHIO POULTRY ASSOCIATION,
TEXAS POULTRY FEDERATION, IOWA POULTRY ASSOCIATION,
AND NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE POULTRY/EGG

The Ohio Poultry Association ("OPA"), whose address is 5930 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Suite 102, Columbus, Ohio 43229, the Texas Poultry Federation ("TPF"), whose address is P.O. Box 9589, Austin, Texas 78758-9589, the Iowa Poultry Association ("IPA"), whose address is 535 East Lincoln Way, P.O. Box 408, Ames, Iowa 50010, and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Poultry/Egg, ("NDA") whose address is A-103 Animal Science UNL, P.O. Box 830908, Lincoln, Nebraska 68583-0908, respectfully request intervention in this matter as limited participators pursuant to 39 C.F.R. §3001.20a. The OPA, TPF, IPA and NDA seek intervention in this pending Postal Rate Commission hearing, since the outcome of the Commission's deliberations will clearly and materially affect the interests of these organizations and their members.

Under the proposed Rate Commission action, U.S. Postal Service rates for special services/special handling are slated to increase by 221 percent. Several members of these organizations presently make judicious use of the U.S. Postal Service for their special

services/special handling deliveries of chicks and other hatchery items. Moreover, the U.S. Postal Service is the only carrier that presently provides this service. If the deliberations of the Commission results in an increase in U.S. Postal Service rates, that rate increase would clearly and materially affect the ability of members of OPA, TPF, IPA and NDA to continue making special services/special handling deliveries through the U.S. Postal Service.

For this reason, the OPA, TPF, IPA and NDA oppose any increase in the U.S. Postal Service rates applicable to their members. Any such increase may necessitate transfer to private commercial delivery services.

Service of all pleadings in the within action should be made on the following named individuals:

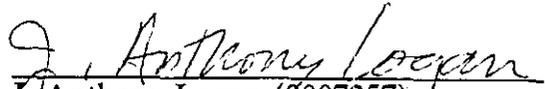
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Although this Notice is being filed later than the time specified at §3001.20(c), the OPA respectfully submits that this delay was occasioned in good faith, and that good cause exists for the allowance of their intervention in the within proceeding. The Commission Order was not served directly on the undersigned, and was only recently brought to our organization's attention by an association member.

Therefore, the intervenors OPA, , TPF, IPA and NDA respectfully give Notice of their intervention in the within case as limited participators.

Respectfully submitted,



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