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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1

AMERICAN BEEKEEPING FEDERATION, INC.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

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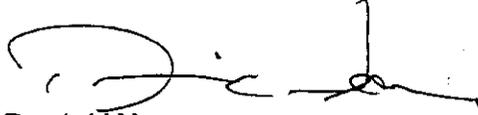
The American Beekeeping Federation, Inc., a Federation of Persons and Entities Engaged in Beekeeping Enterprises or Industries related to Beekeeping, Respectfully Moves for Leave to Intervene in these proceedings to oppose the Postal Service Request for a 220% increase in Special Handling Rates.

The American Beekeeping Federation, Inc. is limited by its Constitution and Bylaws to actions authorized by its members in annual meetings. The first meeting of the Federation subsequent to the Postal Service Rate Case filing in July, 1997 was at Colorado Springs in January 1998. At that time the membership of the Federation authorized intervention in these proceedings, but the deadline for intervention had already passed. The Federation respectfully seeks leave to intervene for the limited purpose of opposing the proposed Special Handling Rate Increase. This late intervention will not delay the final disposition of this case and will not prejudice any party to these proceedings. The only party that will likely be affected is the Postal Service. The Federation merely seeks to discover the Postal Service cost analysis and underlying data, if any, that support the naked assertion that Special Handling Revenues do not cover Special Handling Costs, and/or file a Brief in Opposition to the Special Handling Rate Increase.

The American Beekeeping Federation prays that this Honorable Commission allow its Intervention in these Proceedings to Discover the Postal

Service Special Handling cost contentions and/or file a Brief in Opposition to the
Postal Service Request for a 220% Increase in Special Handling Rates.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel Weaver
Attorney for
The American Beekeeping Federation

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all
participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the
rules of practice.



Daniel Weaver

February 18, 1998