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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman;  
George W. Haley, Vice Chairman;  
W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc, III;  
and George A. Omas

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

## ORDER GRANTING LATE INTERVENTIONS

(April 3, 1998)

On April 1, 1998, the date for filing initial briefs in the docket, the American Financial Services Association (AFSA) and the National Retail Federation (NRF) filed notices of intervention accompanied by motions to intervene out of time.<sup>1</sup> In their motions requesting late intervention, both AFSA and NRF indicate that they are requesting intervention in order to become signatory to the initial brief being filed by the Coalition of Mailers Who Provide Courtesy Reply Envelopes.

AFSA and NRF are aware that their filing is well after the date for intervention as of right, and comes as this docket is concluding. The Commission seeks to obtain relevant evidence from all sectors of the mailing public, and late intervention is generally allowed, so long as participants accept the procedural status of the case.

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<sup>1</sup> Motion of American Financial Services Association for Permission to Intervene Out of Time as a Limited Participant, American Financial Services Association Notice of Intervention as a Limited Participant, Motion of National Retail Federation for permission to Intervene Out of Time as a Limited Participant, and National Retail Federation Notice of Intervention as a Limited Participant.

Due to the limited scope of these requests, the Commission will grant these requests, subject to oppositions filed by other participants pursuant to Rule 20(d). 39 CFR § 3001.20(d).

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of American Financial Services Association for Permission to Intervene Out of Time as limited Participant, filed April 1, 1998, is granted subject to timely objections.

2. The Motion of National Retail Federation for Permission to Intervene Out of Time as a Limited Participant, filed April 1, 1998, is granted subject to timely objections.

By the Commission.

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Margaret P. Crenshaw  
Secretary