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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Rapidus LLC.

9/15/03

Honorable Bryant L. Van Brakle
Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20573

RE: Petition of National Customs Brokers and Forwarders
Association of America, Inc. for a Limited Exemption From
Certain Tariff Requirements of the Shipping Act of 1984

Petition No. P5-03

Dear Secretary Van Brakle:

I am **Ramon Perez Freixas** Operations manager of **Rapidus LLC**.

Rapidus LLC is and NVOCC with license number 18075NF. **Rapidus** has one office in Miami Florida and no agents over seas

At present we file our tariffs with Dartmaritime, which is a filing company. Following are the cost that we are incurring with filing.

1. The subscription cost to this service was \$195.00
2. We approximately spent some 40 hours a month in tasks related to filing tariffs and maintain records. The total approximately cost of man hours and filing fees are \$700.00.
3. Our filing service company will notify us if someone is requesting to see our file tariffs and in the time we have been filling (8 month) we have not had anybody requesting to see this information.

We find that filing rates have no benefits for the customer since the customer does not see or ask to see the published tariffs to make a decision on which ocean line or NVOCC to use.

I, **Ramon** Perez Freixas declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.

Executed on September 15, 2003.

RAMON PEREZ FREIXAS
9/15/03