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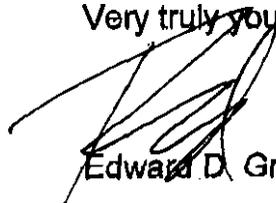
Re: P5-03

Dear Bryant:

As I mentioned on the phone this morning, I found one more supporting statement that had been sent to me several months ago but which had never apparently been filed with the Commission. Accordingly, I have attached the supporting statement of Fast Ocean Express, Inc., and request that this be added to the docket in this matter.

If you have any question concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, we appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours,



Edward D. Greenberg

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OTI#: 15194NF

Honorable Bryant L. Van Brakle
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800 North Capitol Street, N.W.
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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. *05-03*

Dear **Secretary Van Brakle:**

I am **Kristina Menozes Vice President** of **Fast Ocean Express, Inc.**

Fast Ocean Express, Inc. is a small NVOCC located in Miami, Florida with two **offices** in Brazil and a network of international agents. Our License number is **15194NF**.

Being a small forwarder we would appreciate that you take into deep consideration the exemption **being** now considered for **NVOCCs**. We have **not** had a good experience with tariff publishing **companies**. The **first** company recommended to us was less knowledgeable than **us** in FMC regulations and even, at **times**, lost **our** filing requests or did not amend them within our limited time. The company that we **are** working with now is **proficient**; however, **due** to the size of our company is putting a strain on our ocean department. The following is a list of costs associated with tariff service:

1. Annual **cost of subscribing** to our present tariff **publishing** service **is** \$400.00.
2. Due to our size, we do not publish tariffs that often; therefore, our cost schedule is higher than most. To date, **we have** spent \$ 1383.00. This is an average coat of \$ 173.00 **per** month.
3. We presently spend 4-6 hours per month making changes **to** our tariffs.

I know **that** comparatively, the coats listed above are very low; however, we are a small company our shippers do not access our tariffs for **rates**. Being in Miami where the competition is fierce most of our rates are negotiated with shippers prior **to** receiving shipment. We may incur **the costs** of being licensed, bonded and **keeping** our tariffs tiled **appropriately**; yet, some of our neighbors **are more** experienced in the in and **outs** of the tariff.

We estimate that 24% of our company's costs are **spent** on maintaining our ocean **department** and tariff **service**. **If** these **costs were reduced** we would be able to **pass** on **savings** to our **customers**, as well as, continue our growth in the international market.

I, **Kristina** Menezes, 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 August 29, 2003**



Kristina Menezes
Fast Ocean **Express, Inc.**