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September 5, 2003

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

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
SECRETARY

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. 03 –

Dear Secretary Van Brakle:

My name is Joseph A. Rhoden, Executive Vice President of Antilles Freight Corporation.

Antilles Freight Corporation is a NVOCC/FF operating under FMC License No. 7870NF dated July 22, 1999. Antilles Freight Corporation operates one main terminal in Miami, Florida with agents and sales employees in both the United States and overseas.

Our costs to establish a tariff website from Design, input of rates, proof reading the same and roll out was close to \$5,000.00, the annual cost of subscribing to a tariff publishing service is \$1,250.00.

The number of man hours required to maintain and make changes to our tariff is approximately \$350.00 per month. This cost is not passed on to our customers.

We have not received any phone calls or communication from any of our customers mentioning that they saw our tariff or wanted to see the tariff. All rates are separately negotiated with shippers.

In conclusion, rate tariffs are not useful for the simple reason that in this industry most of the rates are negotiated with shippers, then filed with the FMC. I believe that the filing of rates should not be mandatory and any savings associated with the removal of this requirement would be passed on to our customers in the form of lower rates.

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Sincerely,

ANTILLES FREIGHT CORPORATION



Joseph A. Rhoden
Executive Vice President

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I, Joseph Rhoden 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 5, 2003.

