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September 29, 2003

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. ~~03-03~~ - PS-03

Dear Secretary Van Brakle:

I am Director of International Transportation for D.J. Powers Co., Inc. d/b/a **TranSeas Express**, which is our NVOCC. Our OTI License is 184-NF. We have six offices in total, of which one (Charleston, SC) is where we have centralized our NVOCC operations. We operate worldwide through a network of several hundred independent agents.

It has been our experience that the costs of maintaining an NVOCC tariff and publishing rates, is extremely burdensome and expensive, while providing absolutely no discernable benefit. We utilize a third-party tariff publishing service, which has cost us approximately \$12 per shipment on average.

Our NVOCC service was established in 1988, and in this 15 year history, we have NEVER had anyone – shipper, forwarder, competitor or otherwise – request subscription access to our tariff.

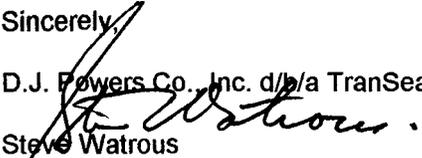
Relief from the burden of publishing tariffs under the current system would significantly reduce our administrative and direct costs, which in turn would enable us to reduce the bottom line costs to shippers.

I, Steve Watrous, 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 29, 2003.

Sincerely,

D.J. Powers Co., Inc. d/b/a TranSeas Express


Steve Watrous
Director of International Transportation.