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Federal Maritime Commission 800 North **Capitol Street** Washington, **D.C**. 205'73 **Attn:** Hon. Steven R. **Blust**, Chairman

Re: UPS Application for Exemption

Dear Chairman Blust:

Grizzly Industrial, **Inc.** and its subsidiaries supports the petition of UPS for an exemption under **Section** 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984 for the purpose of offering service **contracts** to its shippers.

Grizzly Industrial, Inc. and its subsidiaries are engaged in the importation of woodworking and metalworking tools and accessories. We are purveyors of fine machinery. In our business we ship approximately 1000 TEUs of freight annually in international ocean commerce. Our freight consists malnly of machines, hand tools and parts thereof in full containers and LCL. Our shipments principally originate in Asia. Our most prominent destinations are Washington, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

Our customers range from small home-shop tool lovers to thousands of schools, **hospitals** and large **industrial** users. To **remain** competitive in our industry, in addition to advantageous pricing, we offer our customers integrated logistics services including **delivery from** our warehouses **directly** to their door, parcel tracking, and inventory finance.

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It would be beneficial to Grizzly Industrial, Inc. if UPS were able to offer service contracts, with confidential time-volume rates and enhanced service features customized to our particular needs. While UPS's existing service often presents the best transportation solutions, the ability to negotiate confidential rates for the ocean potion of our freight movements. This flexibility, coupled with UPS's end-to-end air or surface services in the USA, would enable us to get the most value for our shipping expenditures and enhance the speciafized value-added features we could offer to our customers. This would allow us more flexibility in selecting suppliers and enable us to provide a more competitive product. This is very important to Grizzly Industrial, Inc. in light of the intense price and service pressure we face from our foreign and domestic competitors.

Accordingly, **we** support the UPS petition, and we request the Commission grant it.

Sincerelyyours,

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