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MORTGAGE, SECURITY AGREEMENT, FINANCING STATEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES



THIS MORTGAGE, SECURITY AGREEMENT, FINANCING STATEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS AND LEASES ("Mortgage") entered into as of the 21st day of May, 2003 by UNITED STATIONERS SUPPLY CO., an Illinois corporation ("Mortgagor"), having its principal place of business at 2200 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016, to BANK ONE, NA, a national banking association ("Mortgagee"), having an office at One Bank One Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60670, as contractual representative for its benefit and for the benefit of the "Holders of Secured Obligations" as defined in that certain Five-Year Revolving Credit Agreement (as amended, restated, modified, supplemented or substituted from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), dated as of March 21, 2003, by and among Mortgagor, Mortgagee and the institutions from time to time a party thereto as Lenders. The term "Holders of Secured Obligations" shall include those who are, and those who may hereafter become, parties to the Credit Agreement in such capacity. Except as otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to and following satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have made certain Loans, and Mortgagee and Lenders have agreed to extend certain other financial accommodations from time to time to Mortgagor, all in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty-Five Million and no/100 Dollars (\$325,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to Mortgagee's and Lenders' continued extension of such credit and financial accommodations to Mortgagor, including, without limitation, the extension of credit evidenced pursuant to the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, Mortgagee and Lenders have required that Mortgagor enter into this Mortgage and grant to Mortgagee the liens and security interests referred to herein to secure (i) payment of the principal

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amount evidenced by the Loan Documents together with interest thereon; (ii) payment of the principal amount, together with interest thereon, of all present and future advances of money made by Mortgagee or Lenders to Mortgagor under the Loan Documents, including, without limitation, the reborrowing of principal previously repaid pursuant to the Credit Agreement, as well as all other Secured Obligations; and (iii) other payment and performance obligations related to this Mortgage and the other Loan Documents, including without limitation that certain Environmental Indemnity Agreement dated of even date herewith executed by Mortgagor for the benefit of Mortgagee (the aforesaid Secured Obligations, together with any other obligations evidenced by the Loan Documents plus interest and all other payment and performance obligations under the Loan Documents being hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Liabilities"); and

WHEREAS, the Liabilities secured hereby shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount, at any one time outstanding of Six Hundred Fifty Million and no/100 Dollars (\$650,000,000.00), provided, that the foregoing limitation shall apply only to the lien upon the real property created by this Mortgage, and it shall not in any manner limit, affect or impair any grant of a security interest or other right in favor of the Mortgagee under the provisions of the Credit Agreement or under any other security agreement at any time executed by Mortgagor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises contained herein and to secure payment of the Liabilities and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, Mortgagor does hereby grant, remise, release, alien, convey, mortgage and warrant to Mortgagee, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate (the "Land") in Cook County, Illinois, and does further grant a security interest to Mortgagee in all Mortgaged Property (as defined below) as may be secured under the Uniform Commercial Code (the "Code") in effect in the State of Illinois (the "State") (terms defined in the Code which are not otherwise defined in this Mortgage are used herein as defined in the Code), subject, in each case, to Liens permitted by Section 6.15 of the Credit Agreement:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof for the legal description of the Land

which Land, together with all right, title and interest, if any, which Mortgagor may now have or hereafter acquire in and to all improvements, buildings and structures now or hereafter located thereon of every nature whatsoever, is herein called the "Premises".

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest, if any, including any after-acquired right, title and interest, and including any right of use or occupancy, which Mortgagor may now have or hereafter acquire in and to (a) all easements, rights of way, gores of land or any lands occupied by streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, water courses, water rights and powers, and public places adjoining said Land, and any other interests in property constituting appurtenances to the Premises, or which hereafter shall in any way belong, relate or be appurtenant thereto, and (b) all hereditaments, gas, oil, minerals (with the right to extract, sever and remove such gas, oil and minerals), and easements, of every nature whatsoever, located in or on the Premises and all other rights and privileges thereunto belonging or appertaining and all extensions, additions, improvements, betterments, renewals, substitutions and replacements to or

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of any of the rights and interests described in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above (hereinafter the "Property Rights").

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest, if any, including any after-acquired right, title and interest, and including any right of use or occupancy, which Mortgagor may now or hereafter acquire in and to all fixtures and appurtenances of every nature whatsoever now or hereafter located in, on or attached to, and used or intended to be used in connection with, or with the operation of, the Premises, including, but not limited to (a) all apparatus, machinery and equipment of Mortgagor affixed to the Premises, and (b) all extensions, additions, improvements, betterments, renewals, substitutions and replacements to or of any of the foregoing (the items described in the foregoing clauses (a) and (b) being the "Fixtures"). It is mutually agreed, intended and declared that the Premises and all of the Property Rights and Fixtures owned by Mortgagor (referred to collectively herein as the "Real Property") shall, so far as permitted by law, be deemed to form a part and parcel of the Land and for the purpose of this Mortgage to be real estate and covered by this Mortgage. It is also agreed that if any of the property herein mortgaged is of a nature so that a security interest therein can be perfected under the Code in effect in the State, this instrument shall constitute a security agreement, fixture filing and financing statement, and Mortgagor agrees to execute, deliver and file or refile, and hereby authorizes Mortgagee to prepare and file or refile, without Mortgagor's consent, any financing statement, continuation statement, or other instruments Mortgagee may reasonably require from time to time to perfect or renew such security interest under the Code. To the extent permitted by law, with respect to all of the Fixtures that are or are to become fixtures on the Land, this instrument, upon recording or registration in the real estate records of the proper office, shall constitute a "fixture-filing" within the meaning of Sections 9-102, 9-501 and 9-502 of the Code. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, the remedies for any violation of the covenants, terms and conditions of the agreements herein contained shall be as prescribed herein or by general law, or, as to that part of the security in which a security interest may be perfected under the Code, by the specific statutory consequences now or hereafter enacted and specified in the Code, all at Mortgagee's sole election.

TOGETHER WITH all the estate, right, title and interest of the Mortgagor in and to (i) all judgments, insurance proceeds, awards of damages and settlements resulting from condemnation proceedings or the taking of the Real Property, or any part thereof, under the power of eminent domain or for any damage (whether caused by such taking or otherwise) to the Real Property, or any part thereof, or to any rights appurtenant thereto, and all proceeds of any sales or other dispositions of the Real Property or any part thereof; and (ii) all contract rights, accounts, general intangibles, actions and rights in action relating to the Real Property including, without limitation, all rights to insurance proceeds and unearned premiums arising from or relating to damage to the Real Property; and (iii) all proceeds, products, replacements, additions, substitutions, renewals and accessions of and to the Real Property. (The rights and interests described in this paragraph shall hereinafter be called the "Intangibles".)

As additional security for the Liabilities secured hereby, Mortgagor (i) does hereby pledge and assign to Mortgagee from and after the date hereof (including any period of redemption), primarily and on a parity with the Real Property, and not secondarily, all the rents, issues and profits of the Real Property and all rents, issues, profits, revenues, royalties, bonuses,

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rights and benefits due, payable or accruing (including any letters of credit, letter-of-credit rights, supporting obligations, or other credit support for any rents or leases and all deposits of money as advance rent, for security or as earnest money or as down payment for the purchase of all or any part of the Real Property) (the "Rents") under any and all present and future leases, contracts or other agreements relative to the ownership or occupancy of all or any portion of the Real Property, and (ii) except to the extent such a transfer or assignment is not permitted by the terms thereof, does hereby transfer and assign to Mortgagee all such leases and agreements (including all Mortgagor's rights under any contracts for the sale of any portion of the Mortgaged Property and all revenues and royalties under any oil, gas and mineral leases relating to the Real Property) (the "Leases"). Mortgagee hereby grants to Mortgagor the right to collect and use the Rents as they become due and payable under the Leases, unless an Event of Default (as hereinafter defined) shall have occurred and be continuing, provided that the existence of such right shall not operate to subordinate this assignment to any subsequent assignment, in whole or in part, by Mortgagor, and any such subsequent assignment shall be subject to the rights of the Mortgagee under this Mortgage. Mortgagor further agrees to execute and deliver such assignments of leases or assignments of land sale contracts as Mortgagee may from time to time reasonably request. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of, an Event of Default (1) the Mortgagor agrees, upon demand, to deliver to the Mortgagee all of the Leases with such additional assignments thereof as the Mortgagee may request and agrees that the Mortgagee may assume the management of the Real Property and collect the Rents, applying the same upon the Liabilities in the manner provided in the Credit Agreement, and (2) the Mortgagor hereby authorizes and directs all tenants, purchasers or other persons occupying or otherwise acquiring any interest in any part of the Real Property to pay the Rents due under the Leases to the Mortgagee upon request of the Mortgagee. Mortgagor hereby appoints Mortgagee as its true and lawful attorney in fact to manage said property and collect the Rents, with full power to bring suit for collection of the Rents and possession of the Real Property, giving and granting unto said Mortgagee and unto its agent or attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in the protection of the security hereby conveyed; provided, however, that (i) this power of attorney and assignment of rents shall not be construed as an obligation upon said Mortgagee to make or cause to be made any repairs that may be needful or necessary and (ii) Mortgagee agrees that unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Mortgagee shall permit Mortgagor to perform the aforementioned management responsibilities. Upon Mortgagee's receipt of the Rents, at Mortgagee's option, it may use the proceeds of the Rents to pay any or all of the Liabilities pursuant to the provisions of the Credit Agreement. This power of attorney and assignment of rents shall be irrevocable until all of the Liabilities (other than contingent indemnity obligations) have been paid and satisfied in full. Upon the occurrence of, and during the continuance of, an Event of Default, Mortgagee shall have and hereby expressly reserves the right and privilege (but assumes no obligation) to demand, collect, sue for, receive and recover the Rents, or any part thereof, now existing or hereafter made, and apply the same in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement.

All of the property described above, and each item of property therein described, not limited to but including the Land, the Premises, the Property Rights, the Fixtures, the Real Property, the Intangibles, the Rents and the Leases, is herein referred to as the "Mortgaged Property," provided, however, that "Mortgaged Property" shall not include any personal property to the extent that such grant of a security interest is prohibited by any applicable law or

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governmental authority, requires a consent not obtained of any governmental authority pursuant to any applicable law or is prohibited by, or constitutes a breach or default under or results in the termination of or requires any consent not obtained under, any contract, license, agreement, instrument or other document evidencing or giving rise to such property or, in the case of any investment property, any applicable shareholder or similar agreement, except to the extent that such applicable law or the term in such contract, license, agreement, instrument or other document or shareholder or similar agreement providing for such prohibition, breach, default or termination or requiring such consent is ineffective under applicable law.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as constituting the Mortgagee a mortgagee-in-possession in the absence of the taking of actual possession of the Mortgaged Property by the Mortgagee. Nothing contained in this Mortgage shall be construed as imposing on Mortgagee any of the obligations of the lessor under any Lease of the Mortgaged Property in the absence of an explicit assumption thereof by Mortgagee. Except as otherwise provided in the Credit Agreement, in the exercise of the powers herein granted the Mortgagee, no liability shall be asserted or enforced against the Mortgagee, all such liability being expressly waived and released by Mortgagor.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Mortgaged Property, properties, rights and privileges hereby conveyed or assigned, or intended so to be, unto Mortgagee, its beneficiaries, successors and assigns, forever for the uses and purposes herein set forth. Mortgagor hereby releases and waives all rights under and by virtue of the homestead exemption laws, if any, of the State and Mortgagor hereby covenants, represents and warrants that, at the time of the ensembling and delivery of these presents, Mortgagor is well seised of the Mortgaged Property in fee simple and with lawful authority to sell, assign, convey and mortgage the Mortgaged Property, and that the title to the Mortgaged Property is free and clear of all encumbrances, except those permitted by Section 6.15 of the Credit Agreement, and that, except for such encumbrances, Mortgagor will forever defend the same against all lawful claims.

The following provisions shall also constitute an integral part of this Mortgage:

1. Payment of Taxes on the Mortgage. To the extent required under the terms of the Credit Agreement, Mortgagor agrees to pay (or reimburse Mortgagee for) any present or future stamp or documentary taxes and any other excise or property taxes, charges or similar levies which arise in connection with this Mortgage.
2. Leases Affecting the Real Property. All future Leases made after the date of recording of this Mortgage shall include provisions requiring the lessees thereunder, at Mortgagee's option and without any further documentation, to attorn to Mortgagee as lessor if for any reason Mortgagee becomes lessor thereunder, and, upon demand, pay rent to Mortgagee, and Mortgagee shall not be responsible under such Lease for matters arising prior to Mortgagee becoming lessor thereunder.
3. Use of the Real Property. Mortgagor shall operate the Real Property in compliance with the terms of the Credit Agreement.

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4. Indemnification. Without limiting any indemnification Mortgagee has granted in the Credit Agreement, Mortgagor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Mortgagee from and against any and all losses, suits, liabilities, fines, damages, judgments, penalties, claims, charges, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' and paralegals' fees, court costs and disbursements) which may be imposed on, incurred or paid by or asserted against the Mortgagee by reason or on account of or in connection with (i) the construction, reconstruction or alteration of the Mortgaged Property, (ii) any negligence or misconduct of Mortgagor, any lessee of the Mortgaged Property, or any of their respective agents, contractors, subcontractors, servants, employees, licensees or invitees, (iii) any accident, injury, death or damage to any person or property occurring in, on or about the Mortgaged Property or any street, drive, sidewalk, curb or passageway adjacent thereto, or (iv) any other transaction arising out of or in any way connected with the Mortgaged Property, in each case, except to the extent that they have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Mortgagee or solely by reason of Mortgagee's breach of the express terms of this Mortgage.

5. Insurance. Mortgagor shall, at its sole expense, obtain for, deliver to, assign and maintain for the benefit of Mortgagee, until the Liabilities are paid in full, insurance policies as specified in the Credit Agreement. In the event of a casualty loss, the net insurance proceeds from such insurance policies shall be collected, paid and applied as specified in the Credit Agreement.

6. Condemnation Awards. Mortgagor hereby assigns to Mortgagee, as additional security, all awards of damage resulting from condemnation proceedings or the taking of or injury to the Real Property for public use, and Mortgagor agrees that the proceeds of all such awards shall be collected, paid and applied as specified in the Credit Agreement.

7. Remedies. Subject to the provisions of the Credit Agreement, upon the occurrence of, and during the continuance of, a Default under the terms of the Credit Agreement ("Event of Default"), in addition to any rights and remedies provided for in the Credit Agreement, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) Mortgagee's Power of Enforcement. It shall be lawful for Mortgagee to (i) immediately sell the Mortgaged Property either in whole or in separate parcels, as prescribed by the State law, under power of sale, which power is hereby granted to Mortgagee to the full extent permitted by the State law, and thereupon, to make and execute to any purchaser(s) thereof deeds of conveyance pursuant to applicable law or (ii) immediately foreclose this Mortgage by judicial action. The court in which any proceeding is pending for the purpose of foreclosure of this Mortgage may, at once or at any time thereafter, either before or after sale, without notice and without requiring bond, and without regard to the solvency or insolvency of any person liable for payment of the Liabilities secured hereby, and without regard to the then value of the Mortgaged Property or the occupancy thereof as a homestead, appoint a receiver (the provisions for the appointment of a receiver and assignment of rents being an express condition upon which the Loan hereby secured is made) for the benefit of Mortgagee, with power to collect the Rents, due and to become due, during such foreclosure suit and the full statutory period of redemption notwithstanding any redemption. The receiver, out of the Rents when collected, may pay costs incurred in the management and operation of the Real Property, prior liens, if any, and taxes, assessments, water and other utilities and insurance, then due or thereafter accruing, and

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may make and pay for any necessary repairs to the Real Property, and may pay all or any part of the Liabilities or other sums secured hereby or any deficiency decree entered in such foreclosure proceedings. Upon or at any time after the filing of a suit to foreclose this Mortgage, the court in which such suit is filed shall have full power to enter an order placing Mortgagee in possession of the Real Property with the same power granted to a receiver pursuant to this subparagraph and with all other rights and privileges of a mortgagee-in-possession under applicable law.

(b) Mortgagee's Right to Enter and Take Possession, Operate and Apply Income. Mortgagee shall, at its option, have the right, acting through its agents or attorneys, either with or without process of law, forcibly or otherwise, to enter upon and take possession of the Real Property, expel and remove any persons, goods, or chattels occupying or upon the same, to the extent permitted under applicable laws, to collect or receive all the Rents, and to manage and control the same, and to lease the same or any part thereof, from time to time, and, after deducting all reasonable outside attorneys' fees and expenses, and all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the protection, care, maintenance, management and operation of the Real Property, distribute and apply the remaining net income in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement or upon any deficiency decree entered in any foreclosure proceedings.

8. Application of the Rents or Proceeds from Foreclosure or Sale. In any foreclosure of this Mortgage by judicial action, or any sale of the Mortgaged Property by advertisement, in addition to any of the terms and provisions of the Credit Agreement, there shall be allowed (and included in the decree for sale in the event of a foreclosure by judicial action) to be paid out of the Rents or the proceeds of such foreclosure proceeding and/or sale:

(a) Liabilities. All of the Liabilities and other sums secured hereby which then remain unpaid; and

(b) Other Advances. All other items advanced or paid by Mortgagee pursuant to this Mortgage; and

(c) Costs, Fees and Other Expenses. All court costs, reasonable outside attorneys' and paralegals' fees and expenses, appraiser's fees, advertising costs, filing fees and transfer taxes, notice expenses, expenditures for documentary and expert evidence, stenographer's charges, publication costs, and costs (which may be estimated as to items to be expended after entry of the decree) of procuring all abstracts of title, title searches and examinations, title guarantees, title insurance policies, Torrens certificates and similar data with respect to title which Mortgagee in the reasonable exercise of its judgment may deem necessary. All such expenses shall become additional Liabilities secured hereby when paid or incurred by Mortgagee in connection with any proceedings, including but not limited to probate and bankruptcy proceedings, to which Mortgagee shall be a party, either as plaintiff, claimant or defendant, by reason of this Mortgage or any indebtedness hereby secured or in connection with the preparations for the commencement of any suit for the foreclosure, whether or not actually commenced, or sale by advertisement. The proceeds of any sale (whether through a foreclosure proceeding or Mortgagee's exercise of the power of sale) shall be distributed and applied in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement.

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9. Cumulative Remedies; Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. Each remedy or right of Mortgagee shall not be exclusive of but shall be in addition to every other remedy or right now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. No delay in the exercise or omission to exercise any remedy or right accruing on the occurrence or existence of any Event of Default shall impair any such remedy or right or be construed to be a waiver of any such Event of Default or acquiescence therein, nor shall it affect any subsequent Event of Default of the same or different nature. Every such remedy or right may be exercised concurrently or independently and when and as often as may be deemed expedient by Mortgagee.
10. Mortgagee's Remedies against Multiple Parcels. If more than one property, lot or parcel is covered by this Mortgage, and if this Mortgage is foreclosed upon, or judgment is entered upon any Liabilities secured hereby, or if Mortgagee exercises its power of sale, execution may be made upon or Mortgagee may exercise its power of sale against any one or more of the properties, lots or parcels and not upon the others, or upon all of such properties or parcels, either together or separately, and at different times or at the same time, and execution sales or sales by advertisement may likewise be conducted separately or concurrently, in each case at Mortgagee's election.
11. No Merger. In the event of a foreclosure of this Mortgage or any other mortgage or deed of trust securing the Liabilities, the Liabilities then due the Mortgagee shall not be merged into any decree of foreclosure entered by the court, and Mortgagee may concurrently or subsequently seek to foreclose one or more mortgages or deeds of trust which also secure said Liabilities.
12. Notices. All notices required or permitted to be given under this Mortgage shall be sent (and deemed received) in the manner and to the addresses set forth in Article XIII of the Credit Agreement; and any such notice delivered to the Mortgagee shall be deemed to have been delivered to each Credit Party.
13. Extension of Payments. Mortgagor agrees that, without affecting the liability of any person for payment of the Liabilities secured hereby or affecting the lien of this Mortgage upon the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof (other than persons or property explicitly released as a result of the exercise by Mortgagee of its rights and privileges hereunder), Mortgagee may at any time and from time to time, on request of the Mortgagor, without notice to any person liable for payment of any Liabilities secured hereby, but otherwise subject to the provisions of the Credit Agreement, extend the time, or agree to alter or amend the terms of payment of such Liabilities. Mortgagor further agrees that any part of the security herein described may be released with or without consideration without affecting the remainder of the Liabilities or the remainder of the security.
14. Governing Law. Mortgagor agrees that this Mortgage is to be construed, governed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to its conflict of laws rules; provided, however, that with respect to issues relating to the creation, perfection, priority and enforcement of the liens on and security interest in the Mortgaged Property, the laws of the State shall govern. Wherever possible, each provision of this Mortgage shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Mortgage shall be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision

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shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Mortgage.

15. Satisfaction of Mortgage. Upon full payment of all the Liabilities (other than contingent indemnity obligations), at the time and in the manner provided in the Credit Agreement, or upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement for release of the Mortgaged Property from this Mortgage, this conveyance or lien shall terminate and, upon demand therefor following such payment or satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement for release of the Mortgaged Property, as the case may be, a satisfaction of mortgage or reconveyance of the Mortgaged Property shall promptly be provided by Mortgagee to Mortgagor.

16. Successors and Assigns Included in Parties. This Mortgage shall be binding upon the Mortgagor and upon the successors and assigns of the Mortgagor and the assigns, vendees and other transferees of the Mortgaged Property and shall inure to the benefit of the Mortgagee's successors and assigns; all references herein to the Mortgagor and to the Mortgagee shall be deemed to include their respective successors and assigns. Mortgagor's successors and assigns shall include, without limitation, a receiver, trustee or debtor in possession of or for the Mortgagor. Wherever used, the singular number shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

17. Waiver of Appraisal, Valuation, Stay, Extension and Redemption Laws. Mortgagor agrees, to the full extent permitted by law, that at all times following the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, neither Mortgagor nor anyone claiming through or under it shall or will set up, claim or seek to take advantage of any appraisal, valuation, stay, or extension laws now or hereafter in force, in order to prevent or hinder the enforcement or foreclosure of this Mortgage or the absolute sale of the Mortgaged Property or the final and absolute putting into possession thereof, immediately after such sale, of the purchaser thereat; and Mortgagor, for itself and all who may at any time claim through or under it, hereby waives, to the full extent that it may lawfully so do, the benefit of all such laws and any and all right to have the assets comprising the Mortgaged Property marshaled upon any foreclosure of the lien hereof and agrees that Mortgagee or any court having jurisdiction to foreclose such lien may sell the Mortgaged Property in part or as an entirety. To the full extent permitted by law, Mortgagor hereby waives any and all statutory or other rights of redemption from sale under any order or decree of foreclosure of this Mortgage, on its own behalf and on behalf of each and every person acquiring any interest in or title to the Mortgaged Property subsequent to the date hereof.

18. Interpretation with Other Documents. Notwithstanding anything in this Mortgage to the contrary, in the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the Mortgage and the Credit Agreement, the provisions of the Credit Agreement shall govern.

19. Revolving Credit. This Mortgage is given to secure a "revolving credit" loan as defined and authorized under the Illinois Revised Statutes Chapter 17, Sections 312.3, 3301.6b, and 6405, and Chapter 110, Sections 15-207 and 15-302, and it shall secure not only presently existing indebtedness under the Credit Agreement but also future advances (whether such advances are obligatory or to be made at the option of Mortgagee, or otherwise) as are made

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within twenty years from the date of this Mortgage, to the same extent and with the same priority as if such future advances were made on the date of the execution of this Mortgage and without regard as to whether or not there is any advance made at the time of execution of this Mortgage and without regard as to whether or not there is any indebtedness outstanding at the time any advance is made. This Mortgage secures all present and future loan disbursements made by the Lenders under the Credit Agreement, and all other sums from time to time owing to the Lenders by Mortgagor under the Loan Documents. The maximum principal amount which may be secured hereby at any one time is Six Hundred Fifty Million and No/100 Dollars (\$650,000,000.00), plus interest thereon, and any disbursements made by Mortgagee for the payment of taxes, special assessments, or insurance on the Property, with interest on such disbursements. The lien of this Mortgage, as to all such sums so advanced, shall have priority over all subsequent liens and encumbrances, including statutory liens, excepting solely taxes and assessments levied on the property secured by the Mortgage and liens permitted by the Credit Agreement.

20. Invalid Provisions to Affect No Others. Any provision (or the application thereof) in this Mortgage that is held to be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid shall be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid without affecting the remaining provisions of this Mortgage and to this end the provisions of this Mortgage are declared to be severable.

21. Changes. Neither this Mortgage nor any term hereof may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally, or by any action or inaction, but only by an instrument in writing signed by the party against which enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge or termination is sought. To the extent permitted by law, any agreement hereafter made by Mortgagor and Mortgagee relating to this Mortgage shall be superior to the rights of the holder of any intervening lien or encumbrance.

22. Time of Essence. Time is of the essence with respect to the provisions of this Mortgage.

23. No Strict Construction. The parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Mortgage. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Mortgage shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provisions of this Mortgage.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed as of the day and year first above written by the person or persons identified below on behalf of Mortgagor (and said person or persons hereby represent that they possess full power and authority to execute this instrument).

THE MORTGAGOR HEREBY DECLARES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE MORTGAGOR HAS RECEIVED, WITHOUT CHARGE, A TRUE COPY OF THIS MORTGAGE.

MORTGAGOR:

UNITED STATIONERS SUPPLY CO.,
an Illinois corporation

By Brian S. Lodge
Name: BRIAN S. LODGE
Its: S.V. President

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
 COUNTY OF LAKE)

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that BRIAN S. Cooper, whose name as SVP of United Stationers Supply Co., an Illinois corporation, is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, s/he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation.

Given under my hand and Official seal this 20th day of May, 2003.

M. Cecelia Currie

Notary Public

(Seal)



My Commission Expires: 1/2/05

 Notary Public in and for the
 State of Illinois

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Legal Description of the Premises

THAT PART OF LOTS 2 AND 3 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S PARTITION OF THE LANDS OF THE MINNA CARLE ESTATE (CASE NUMBER 34 S 18200) IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 A DISTANCE OF 619.26 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CASE NO. 95L-50192, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. _____; THENCE FOLLOWING THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID TRACT FOR THE FOLLOWING 5 COURSES; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 52.83 FEET; THENCE WEST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 66 FEET; THENCE EAST AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST DESCRIBED COURSE 273.49 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EAST RIVER ROAD AS ACQUIRED BY THE ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY COMMISSION BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 21, 1957 AS DOCUMENT 17071229; THENCE SOUTHERLY, CONTINUING ON SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE; 147.28 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT IN SAID LINE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ON SAID LINE; 67.50 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GOLF ROAD AS DEDICATED BY DOCUMENT NO. 10298765; THENCE WESTERLY ON SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 563.94 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 3; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINES OF LOTS 3 AND 2, 599.87 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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