

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW, 2017

Docket No. ACR2017

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REGARDING FILING
OF POST OFFICE SUSPENSION INFORMATION UPDATE FOR FY18 QUARTER 4
(November 9, 2018)

On page 164 of the FY 2017 Annual Compliance Determination (March 28, 2018), the Commission directed the Postal Service to continue filing quarterly updates on Post Office suspensions within 40 days of the end of each quarter in Fiscal Year 2018. Accordingly, the Postal Service has electronically attached the requested update for FY 2018 Quarter 4 to this notice, as Excel file "FY18_Q4_Suspensions_Update.xls."

The Postal Service originally reported 655 suspended Post Offices at the start of FY 2017. An additional seven (7) suspended offices were entered into the Postal Service's tracking system after FY 2017 began, bringing the total number of suspended offices to 662. The additional seven (7) offices were identified in the FY 2017 Quarter 4 report filed with the Commission on November 8, 2017, in the ACR2016 docket.

As of the end of FY 2017, 304 suspended offices were officially discontinued, and 39 suspended offices were re-opened, leaving 319 of the 662 offices in suspension status.

During FY 2018 Quarter 1, final notification for fourteen (14) offices was published in *Postal Bulletin* Issue 22481 on Thursday, November 23, 2017 (as referenced in the Postal Service's FY 2017 Q4 filing in the ACR2016 docket), and nine

(9) additional, previously suspended offices were re-opened, bringing the remaining suspended total to 296.

During FY 2018 Quarter 2, final notification for sixteen (16) offices was published in *Postal Bulletin* Issue 22486 on Thursday, February 1, 2018, and four (4) additional, previously suspended post offices were re-opened, bringing the remaining suspended total to 276.

During FY 2018 Quarter 3, final notification for twenty two (22) offices was published in *Postal Bulletin* Issue 22494 on Thursday, May 24, 2018, and one (1) additional, previously suspended post office was re-opened, bringing the remaining suspended total to 253.

During FY 2018 Quarter 4, although no final notifications were published in the *Postal Bulletin*, three (3) additional, previously suspended post offices were re-opened, bringing the remaining suspended total to 250.

The Postal Service has now reduced the number of suspended offices from the original 662 identified by 412, or 62 percent of total suspensions. The Postal Service is currently reviewing each of the remaining 250 suspended post offices to determine the proper course of action to be taken.¹

Figures through the end of FY 2018 Quarter 4 are furnished in the attachment.

¹ As in FY 2017, and as noted in its FY 2017 Annual Compliance Report (ACR), the Postal Service has also dealt with additional post offices suspended, reopened, and closed within FY 2018. See 2017 ACR, December 29, 2017, at 63-64.

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