

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 FY19 QUARTER 1  
(February 7, 2019)

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 2019 Quarter 1 to this notice, as Excel file "FY19\_Q1\_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, there were no offices published in the *Postal Bulletin*, and three (3) additional, previously suspended post offices were re-opened, bringing the remaining suspended total to 250.

During FY 2019 Quarter 1, there were no offices published in the *Postal Bulletin*, and three (3) additional, previously suspended post offices were re-opened, bringing the remaining suspended total to 247.

The Postal Service has now reduced the number of suspended offices from the original 662 identified by 415, which represents a 63% reduction of the original 662 suspensions. The Postal Service is currently reviewing each of the remaining 247 suspended post offices to determine the proper course of action to be taken.<sup>1</sup>

Figures through the end of FY 2019 Quarter 1 are furnished in the attachment.

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<sup>1</sup> As noted in its Response to Chairman's Information Request No. 3, Question 9 (January 28, 2019) in the 2018 Annual Compliance Review docket, the Postal Service is also dealing with additional post office suspensions which occurred after the end of FY 2016 – *i.e.*, in addition to the original 662 suspensions.

Respectfully submitted,

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