

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

STATION AND BRANCH OPTIMIZATION AND
CONSOLIDATION INITIATIVE, 2009

Docket No. N2009-1

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
OF FILING ERRATUM TO REQUEST
[ERRATUM]
(July 2, 2009)

The United States Postal Service hereby gives notice of filing an erratum to its recently filed Request in PRC Docket No. N2009-1. The caption on the first page identifies the Postal Regulatory Commission by the name it had prior to December 20, 2009. Attached to this Notice is a corrected first page.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION
ON CHANGES IN POSTAL SERVICES
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The United States Postal Service hereby requests that the Postal Regulatory Commission determine whether a plan to optimize the postal retail network by consolidating the operations of some retail stations and branches into nearby facilities constitutes a substantially nationwide change in the nature of postal services, within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. § 3661(b).

The objective of the Postal Service Station and Branch Optimization and Consolidation Initiative (“Initiative”) is to identify and take advantage of opportunities for increased efficiency so as to ensure that the Postal Service “maintain[s] postal facilities of such character and in such locations, that postal patrons throughout the Nation will, consistent with reasonable economies of postal operations, have ready access to essential postal services.” 39 U.S.C. § 403(b)(3).

The Initiative commences with examination of that portion of the retail network consisting of stations and branches that report to Postmasters at or above the USPS Executive & Administrative Schedule level 24 (EAS-24) pay grade. Such offices are located in urban and suburban areas where Post Offices serve large communities through a network of facilities including a main office, stations, branches, perhaps