

Docket No. N2009-1

USPS Library Reference N2009-1/4

**Current List of Stations/Branches Identified As
Candidates For Discontinuance Study Under
Station/Branch Optimization/Consolidation Initiative**

-- Public Version --

(Revised: September 2, 2009)

This Category 3 Library Reference contains the September 2, 2009, update of the list of stations and branches subjected to the pre-screening process and approved by District Managers as candidates for discontinuance studies as a part of the Station and Branch Optimization and Consolidation (SBOC) Initiative. This list incorporates by reference and supersedes the list originally filed on July 30, 2009. Facility-specific finance numbers have been redacted.

There are approximately 3,600 stations and branches that report to Postmasters at or above the EAS-24 pay grade within the postal retail network. See the USPS Response to Question 15 of Commission Information Request (CIR) No. 1 (September 2, 2009). Those stations and branches have been subjected to the pre-screening process described in the testimony of witness Matalik (USPS-T-2).

On July 30th, USPS Library Reference N2009-1/4 reflected the results of the pre-screening process, which was then far from complete. As of July 28th, the pre-screening process had identified 677 stations and branches and candidates for the application of the SBOC discontinuance review process. As emphasized when it was filed, that list was not a list of facilities for which discontinuance studies had been conducted or completed, for which discontinuance recommendations have been forwarded to Headquarters for approval, or which have been acted upon by Headquarters.

Since that time, the pre-screening process has now essentially been extended to all of the stations and branches identified in response to Question 15 of CIR No.

1. As reflected in the revised list in this Library Reference dated September 2nd, the pre-screening process has now identified a total of nearly 760 candidates for discontinuance review.

For the convenience of the parties, although it replaces the original list filed in this Library Reference, the September 2nd list allows a cross-check to the original list by identifying which of the approximately 760 candidate facilities identified by the pre-screening process were on the July 28th list.

In the interest of further transparency, the September 2nd list also identifies facilities that were erroneously included on the July 28th list, but that are not properly within the scope of the SBOC Initiative.

The above-referenced pre-screening process was intended to provide a basis for identifying which retail stations and branches among the pool of 3600 were more likely candidates for discontinuance than others. It has identified nearly 760 such facilities. Further analysis will be necessary to determine which of these facilities ultimately may have their retail operations discontinued. To-date, sufficient discontinuance review has been conducted on some of these stations and branches to reach the conclusion that a discontinuance of retail operations does

not appear feasible at this time. These stations and branches are designated accordingly on the September 2nd list.

An updated list will be filed in early October 2009 to reflect further changes in the status of any of the facilities within the scope of this Initiative. Accordingly, the September 2nd list should not be regarded as final.