

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

Hacker Valley Post Office
Hacker Valley, West Virginia

Docket No. A2009-1

**Response of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States
Regarding United States Postal Service Response to Commission Information
Request No. 1
(September 8, 2009)**

The National Association of Postmasters of the United States associates itself with the response of Retha Casto, filed on September 8, 2009.

The current docket stems from the Postal Service dismissing the applicable postal rules and regulations in an effort to close the Hacker Valley Post Office. Notwithstanding the Postal Service's protestations to the contrary, Hacker Valley's contributions to the docket demonstrate that the Postal Service disregarded community input and misled its leaders, and failed to exercise any type of diligence in locating an alternative Post Office venue. Furthermore, the Postal Service still cannot provide a timetable to reopen the Hacker Valley Post Office, or commence the "official" discontinuance process.

The Hacker Valley community advised the Postal Service that alternative sites are available, and the lessor notified the Postal Service that she would extend the expired lease. Consequently, there is no reason to initiate a "formal" discontinuance process, and the Postal Service should reopen the Hacker Valley Post Office without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

_____/s/_____
Betty H. Eickler, Chairman
Post Office Closing and Consolidation of Committee
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