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

-- Public Version --

(Revised: October 9, 2009)

This Category 3 Library Reference contains the October 9, 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 first revised list filed on September 2, 2009.

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 September 2nd, revised USPS Library Reference N2009-1/4 reflected that the pre-screening process had identified nearly 760 stations and branches as candidates for the application of the SBOC discontinuance review process. As emphasized when revised on that date, USPS Library Reference N2009-1/4 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.

In the interest of transparency, the September 2nd list identified facilities that were erroneously included on the original July 28th list, but that were not properly within the scope of the SBOC Initiative. Further review has identified

other such facilities. In some cases, the facilities were improperly designated as retail stations/branches or as reporting to Postmasters at or above the EAS-24 pay grade. Such facilities are, by definition, excluded from consideration as part of the SBOC Initiative. Entries for these erroneous inclusions on the list are marked with ~~strikethrough~~. Moreover, addresses for some facilities have been corrected: these are marked by **highlight**.

The above-referenced pre-screening process sought to identify those retail stations and branches among the pool of 3600 that were more likely candidates for discontinuance than others. It identified nearly 760 such facilities. Further analysis and decision-making will be necessary to determine which of these 760 stations/branches ultimately may have their retail operations discontinued. To-date, sufficient preliminary discontinuance review has been undertaken on some of the nearly 760 stations/branches to conclude that discontinuance of retail operations does not appear feasible at this time. As a result, on the September 2nd list, only 413 stations/branches were then still under consideration for discontinuance. As of today, that number – which is subject to future adjustment upward or downward -- stands at 371.

An updated list will be filed in early November 2009 to reflect further changes in the status of any of the facilities within the scope of this Initiative. Accordingly, the October 9th list should not be regarded as final.