

Before The
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON DC 20268-0001

Docket No A2010-2

In the Matter of
Sundance Plaza Station
Steamboat Springs CO

Reply to USPS Pleading

I would like to comment on the notice filed by the USPS on 2/1/2010. They state that no “final decision has been made”. At the end of the letter written to the US Senators of Colorado that was an attachment to the pleading they state “the decision to consolidate retail services in Steamboat Springs at the MPO now, while continuing to provide a high level of customer service, saves the Postal Service approximately \$50,000 a year in lease and maintenance costs.” This sounds like a final decision. They also decided to only extend the lease for the retail space until 1/15/2010 while extending the lease for the PO Box section for three years. They decided to cease retail services at Sundance Plaza, return all stamp stock to the SDO, remove all POS equipment, and remodel and vacate the space occupied by retail. Sounds like several permanent decisions. As for “continuing to provide a high level of customer service” No way. Three retail counters at Sundance have been closed and none added to the four at the MPO.

The \$50,000 savings is not an accurate amount. It does not reflect the lower amount that was negotiated with the landlord. It also does not consider the cost to the USPS for remodeling the space or the revenue loss due to po box customers that are giving up their boxes (because of the lack of retail) and switching to HCR delivery(suggested by the USPS) and are having their mail forwarded, an additional cost to the USPS. The Sundance Plaza currently receives about \$135,000 in annual box rent, well more than it's annual lease costs.

The statement that most customers are in agreement about a new consolidated facility to be built by 2011, again not support by any facts. The fact is the Postal Service has not held any public hearings or solicited any comments from the public. They have not followed any of the procedures in Title 39 CFR sec 241.4. It is true that most customers are in agreement that the current MPO location is no longer suitable and that the retail from the Sundance Plaza should not be added to an already over used location. This fact is supported by the over 2000 customers that have already signed a petition. On their behalf I again request that the Postal Service immediately reopen the Sundance Plaza Station.

Respectfully submitted

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Petitioner Docket No A2010-2