

Mr Richard Oliver
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave. N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, Dc 20268-001

Re: PI 2010-1

Dear Sir

A good number of the people here are illiterate. We have put their comments on paper for them. They have signed their statements after having them read to them.

Please see enclosed attachments.

(Spokesman)

Sincerely
Glendon Leary
11820 US Hwy 62 E
Horse Branch, Ky.
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Dear Sir

I request that the commission
wave the electronic requirement and
accept our comments in hard copy.

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Concerned citizens to save Post Office

February 1, 2010

DOCKET # PI 2010-1

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter in reference to the postal service or lack of at Horse Branch in Ohio County Kentucky.

I am a 65 year old widowed woman that has been unable to drive for the past several years due to reduce vision. I live just down the road from where the post office was and was able to walk the distance to receive my mail but now I have to rely on my children to pick up the mail when they have time. My mail service is very important to me because I receive my diabetic supplies through the mail and without the post office within walking distance this causes great trouble for me. Now that I am unable to check the mail on a daily routine and my daughter has to get my mail on her way home from work which causes some confusion when my diabetic supplies are there. She checks the mail about five in the afternoon and receives a yellow slip stating that my diabetic supplies are there so the next morning she has to either go into work late or take off from work early to get my supplies before the post office in Rosine closes. This may not seem to be a big concern but with the struggles that everybody is facing with the economy today and the fact that she is a single mother struggling to pay her bills I feel just awful to have to ask her to lose wages over getting my supplies that I was at one time able to get myself.

So I am asking you to reconsider your decision and reopen the Horse Branch Post office so that I can be more self efficient and not have to rely or ask people to do for me what I was once able to do for myself. Every act of independence I cling to no matter how small or minute it may be.

Sincerely

Floy Geary 1-270-274-4721

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Concerned postal customer

63 Arnold Leach Rd
Horse Branch, Ky, 42349
(270) 274-0382

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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I live about sixty (60) yards from the Horse Branch Post Office building

We are both disabled. My wife is deaf and mute. She has a severe heart condition. Therefore, I cannot leave her alone for a long time.

I can no longer drive due to my health. My brother-in-law takes us to the grocery etc after he gets home from work or on Saturdays. However, the post office is closed at these times.

We have lived here twelve (12) years. In as much as we are not educated, we pay our bills with money orders at the post office.

We need that post office.

Sincerely,

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846 Horse Branch Loop
Horse Branch, Ky. 42349

To Whom It May Concern:

I live about one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile from the Horse Branch, Ky. post office building.

I have a very limited income. I must be selective as to when I pay each of my bills. Some months I go to the post office eight (8) or nine (9) times. The cost of gasoline to drive that extra nine miles does not fit in my budget.

Please bring our post office back to Horse Branch.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


John P. Bates
John Bates

11-24-09

To whom it may concern:

My name is Willard Brown, and I live in Horse Branch, Kentucky. I was a RCA and RCR rural carrier from 5-25-85 to 10-20-05. In my 20+ years at the Horse Branch Post Office, I never saw a snake of any kind in or around that post office.

Thank you,

Willard Brown

Willard Brown
14403 US Hwy 62 East
Horse Branch, KY 42349
270-274-4415

Re PI 2010-1

Synopsis

To: Mr. Richard Oliver

Re: Horse Branch Ky, 42349 post
office suspension.
Docket # PI 2010-1

Saturday September 26, 2009 a notice was placed in the mail box a/o post office box of every patron of zip code 42349. The notice informed us that service at our post office would be suspended October 2, 2009. See attachment #1

On October 31st another notice was distributed as before. This one informed us of an up-coming neighborhood meeting where we could ask questions and express our opinions. See attachment #2

On November 19, 2009 we went to the meeting and camcorded the proceedings.

In the meantime, on November 16, 2009 a group of our concerned citizens arranged a meeting with Mr. Paul E. Butler, a retired post master who volunteers to assist postal patrons facing the loss of their local post office.

Mr. Butler provided us with information we needed to organize properly.

We have since corresponded with Betty Eickler, Chairperson NA PUS closing / consolidation of Post Office committee; and Mr. Richard Oliver, our public advocate in Washington D.C.

We have written letters and sent copies of petitions to our Postal Operations Manager, our District Manager, Post Office Review Coordinator for Kentuckiana District.

We have also corresponded
with our elected officials
and the local news paper.

Sincerely

Mary Jo Penfrow
Recording Secretary



September 25 2009

Dear Postal Customer

The Horse Branch postmaster will be reassigned on October 3, 2009 to the Rosine Post Office. Due to safety hazards caused by snake and rodent infestation it will be necessary to suspend services at the Horse Branch Post Office at the close of business on October 2, 2009. This change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that it will provide a maximum degree of regular and effective postal services.

While the office is suspended, services will be consolidated with the Rosine Post Office, delivery and retail services will also be provided by a rural carrier to roadside mailboxes installed by customers effective October 3, 2009. Please contact the postmaster of the Horse Branch Post Office for advice regarding the placement of mailboxes. Customers presently receiving rural delivery will not experience a change in service, with the possible exceptions of picking up parcels and accountable mail at the Rosine Post Office that the carrier was unable to deliver. Horse Branch Rural Route Customers will continue to use Horse Branch KY 42349 as their last line of delivery. Horse Branch PO Box Customers also will NOT experience a change in address. PO Box customers will continue to use their present address and last line address Horse Branch KY 42349. New keys will be issued to PO Box customers.

Rural delivery is particularly beneficial to senior citizens, people with disabilities, and working people because no one has to pick up the mail from the post office. You will have 24-hour access to your mail. In addition, the rural carrier can provide all the retail services provided at the Horse Branch Post Office. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting a carrier at the mailbox. *Stamps By Mail* order envelopes and *Money Order Application* forms are available for your convenience, or you may place a note in the mailbox, with payment, and the carrier will provide the requested services. When an accountable item requiring a signature, such as a certified letter, cannot be delivered on the first day, the carrier will return the item to the Rosine Post Office. You may pick up the article at the Rosine Post Office, request redelivery on another day convenient for you, or authorize the carrier to deliver the item to another person. If appropriate, Post Office box refunds will be provided by the Rosine or Horse Branch postmaster.

Customers who wish to continue their post office box service may do so at the Rosine Post Office, located 4.5 miles away. The Rosine Post Office has 24-hour lobby access for customer convenience. Window service hours at Rosine are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. Post Office boxes are available at this location at the same fees.

If you have any questions concerning the placement of rural mailboxes or the services available to you through the rural carrier, please contact the Horse Branch postmaster at (270) 274-3931, after October 2 at (270) 274-9375.

I realize with change there is always concern. No final decision to permanently discontinue the post office has been made. In the event that the office is officially closed the post office will become the Rosine (Horse Branch Post Office). A community meeting will be held in the near future to explain our plans and solicit your comments concerning possible alternate means of providing postal and other services. In the interim, we are confident that carrier delivery and PO Box service at the Rosine Post Office will continue to provide Horse Branch customers with effective and regular postal services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alisa Zanelli".

for Alisa Zanelli
Manager, Post Office Operations
800 Sycamore St
Evansville IN 47708-9201

Enclosures (1)

bcc Postmaster Horse Branch KY 42349
Postmaster Rosine KY 42370
Post Office Review Coordinator

attachment # 2

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October 30, 2009

Dear Postal Service Customer:

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way postal services are provided. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

As you are aware the Horse Branch Post Office was emergency suspended on October 3, 2009 due to safety hazards at the office. Since that time Horse Branch Customers have received their mail via the rural route that serves the community and also at the Rosine Post Office located 4.5 miles away. The Rosine Post Office offers a 24 hour po box lobby. Horse Branch rural Customers and PO Box Customers will not experience an address change. Customers will continue to use Horse Branch KY 42329 as their last line address.

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If you would like an opportunity to discuss alternatives with us, a postal representative will be at the Horse Branch Christian Church on November 19, 2009 at 6 p.m. to answer questions and provide information about our service.

If you have any questions, you may contact Tim Reynolds at (606) 439-0534.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alisa Zanetti".

Alisa Zanetti
Manager, Post Office Operations
800 Sycamore St
Evansville IN 47708-9201