

DOCKEDOCKET No MC2010-20
Order # 423
Date: March 29, 2010
To: Postal Regulatory Commission
From: AIM Mail Center # 156
2583 Sycamore Rd.
DeKalb, IL 60115

Dear Madam/Sirs:

I am the owner of the above named Mail and Parcel Center and have seen the US Post Office's request to transfer a portion of their PO boxes from the Market Dominate service category to the Competitive Products service category, along with the addition of undisclosed additional services to these select P.O. Boxes, as a trial. While I realize that the Post Office is looking to stretch as much money out of each of their service offerings as possible, I object to the attempt to compete with my Private Mail Box (PMB) services. We are a small business that will be hurt by the additional competition from a very large government regulated business. The product Post Office Box is for placement of mail into a rented receptacle for pickup by the customer. This is the only function of the Post Office Box. Any additional services will require the customer to go to an alternative location and wait in line for those services.

Our PMB's include many additional services to help us compete with Post Office Boxes, and we must presume these proposed additional services are services the USPS have previously shown no interest in providing. In the five-day delivery proposal that the USPS has submitted to the US Congress they have stated they will deliver 6 days to PO Boxes but not to any other entities. This reinforces the distinction between our services. It also places us at a competitive disadvantage when selling our services. Additionally as a Commercial Mail Receiving Agency (CMRA) our PMB's are regulated by the Post Office.

Further more, neither I nor any other Mail & Parcel Center currently offering Private Mail Box (PMB) services, will be able to compete with the USPS, if the USPS is permitted to place these PO Boxes in the Market Dominate category and is permitted to advertise their new service offering with the same untold hundreds of thousands of advertising dollars available to them, as has been witnessed by the recent television campaign expenditures promoting their Priority Mail Flat Rate Box.

This has been a trying time, economically, for our country. Adding another competitor to the offerings of these mail box services will make us ALL weaker by further diluting the business. Please stop the expansion of this incredibly powerful competitor into this business. It will harm thousands of small businesses and put many small business owners out of business.

Thank you for your consideration.

James K. Spalding
AIM Mail Center, store owner