

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Tony L. Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Dan G. Blair; and
Nanci E. Langley

Renfro Valley Post Office
Renfro Valley, Kentucky 40473

Docket No. A2010-6

ORDER CONCERNING PUBLIC TREATMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

(Issued September 16, 2010)

On August 31, 2010, Commission Order No. 527 directed the Postal Service to file its administrative record or responsive pleading regarding the closing of the Renfro Valley, Kentucky Post Office.¹ On September 10, 2010, the Postal Service submitted a notice indicating that it was filing the signed, date stamped Final Determination to Close the Suspended Renfro Valley, Kentucky Post Office.² The administrative record consists of the official record index, completed customer questionnaires, the proposal to close, and final determination to close the Renfro Valley post office.

¹ Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule, August 31, 2010, at 2 (Order No. 527).

² United States Postal Service Notice of Filing, September 10, 2010 (Notice). Accompanying the Notice was a Motion of the United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Notice of Filing, September 10, 2010. That motion is granted.

The Postal Service filed the administrative record in hard copy only. While this is generally consistent with past practice, it limits the availability of the record to be reviewed by interested persons. Changes in scanning technology have made it relatively easy to convert documents to electronic form.

There appears to be no reason to exempt administrative records from being filed electronically with the Commission. The Commission, therefore, directs the Postal Service to refile the administrative record in this proceeding electronically.³ This filing is due no later than September 24, 2010. The Postal Service may, if appropriate, also file an application for non-public treatment pursuant to 39 CFR part 3007.

It is ordered:

The Postal Service shall file an electronic copy of the administrative record no later than September 24, 2010.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

³ Administrative records filed in future post office closing dockets should also be filed electronically.