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Office of the Secretary
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

Docket # A2011-2

Dear Sir:

Please accept and grant this Request for Oral Argument concerning the closing of the Lancaster, TN Post Office. We strongly believe that the need to present oral arguments is absolutely necessary for several reasons.

It appears that the Postal Regulatory Commission is utilizing misinformation for the basis in making the decision to close the Lancaster, TN Post Office. The Lancaster Post Office was placed on Temporary Suspension of Services on March 29, 2003 for two reasons; the postmaster was transferred and the lack of running water. The postal customers in this area were not notified by any postings, letters, etc about this suspension of services nor were given any opportunity to respond. We think our rights as postal customers and citizens were totally ignored as well as policy and procedure of the Postal Service in this process.

The building itself is a nonissue because the property owner has installed water and is in the process of bringing the building to meet codes. All the other issues and concerns that the Postal Service has brought forward have been addressed in previous correspondence. Please refer to letters and documents that were submitted on 11/10/2010, 12/13/2010, and 1/3/2011.

Please grant this Request for Oral Arguments since the Postal Regulatory Commission is utilizing misinformation in the decision making process.

Sincerely,

Allen O. Mason



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Greetings,

I send this letter to request our Post Office remain open. As a resident, my fear is an address change removing the name Lancaster therefore changing our identity -

With the high population of seniors, many new residents to Center Hill Lake, and the well popular Lancaster Independence Day Parade, if we loose our Post Office the next step would be to change my address -

Please do all you can to keep us open

Sincerely
Rep. Terri Lynn Weaver

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing you regarding a matter that is before you for consideration. The issue carries the identification designation of (Docket No. A2011-2,) the Lancaster, TN 38569 post office service termination.

I am the head elder of the Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church, which is located next door to the Lancaster post office structure. If I may be permitted, I would like to voice my concerns about the closure of our local post office.

Our church does at least two annual postal route mailings to all route and box holders on the Hickman and Lancaster routes, which amounts to about 500 pieces per mailing. In the past, we used the Lancaster facility for these mailings. Since the Lancaster post office has been closed, it is an inconvenience for us to travel to another facility to have these mailings posted.

Also, since the Lancaster post office is not open, we have been forced to obtain a post office box for the church at a distant postal facility, through which the church receives multiple packages for church business. If the Lancaster post office were open, this business could be coming through it, which would be much more convenient to the church, located just a short walk away.

It would benefit us greatly if the Lancaster post office were reopened, and, if it were open, we would continue to use this neighborhood facility for our annual bulk mailings. In behalf of the Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church, and our local community, I am asking you to please reconsider your decision to close the Lancaster postal facility.

Sincerely,



Leslie G. Walper, Head Elder
Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Lancaster, TN ██████████

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing you regarding a matter that is before you for consideration. The issue has been ID'd as Docket No. A2011-2, the Lancaster, TN 38569 post office service termination.

I am a Lancaster resident and would like to voice my concerns about the closure of our local post office.

When the meeting was held at the Hickman office in June of 2009, I was there. After that, I wrote to Ms. Quick in Nashville, and received a letter in reply (dated June 23, 2009) in which she stated that the Lancaster post office "suspension" was "a temporary situation"; that the office in Lancaster had "not been officially closed."

It was stated at that time that the problem with the Lancaster facility involved structural irregularities that needed to be addressed, such as a restroom for the office worker. It is my understanding that this problem has been remedied as far as possible, to date. The building's owner has water available, and is waiting to hear where the postal service wants to put the restroom so he can have the septic line installed, and complete the upgrades inside the building. If this point was the "major" reason for closing the Lancaster post office, then this point is now a non-issue.

Did I personally use the Lancaster post office when it was open? Yes, I did. It is far more convenient for me to travel to Lancaster (5 miles) to mail a package, or purchase stamps than it now is for me to travel 10 miles to Gordonsville, or 10 to 12 miles to get to Hickman (depending on the route I take). Hickman is completely out of the way, being on a road and in a direction that I never travel.

We can certainly appreciate that finances are tight and getting tighter for the postal service. But you are not alone in this situation. With gas prices promising to rise to \$4.00/gallon, distance to a post office means a great deal to us. If it is harder to get to a post office (because of location), or it costs too much to drive to one (because of distance), we are going to be less likely to use the postal service at all.

I think closing the Lancaster post office facility has been a disservice to this community, and that you should reconsider opening it on a permanent basis, even if it remains only a part-time facility being open only part of the business day.

Cordially,


Ann Anstis, RN, FCN

Lancaster, TN [REDACTED]

To Whom It My Concern:

I am writing in hopes of trying to

keep the Lancaster Post office from closing.

When the Lancaster Post office was

suspended on March 29, 2003, they simply

locked the door and left. The people

of Lancaster was not told or no

meeting was held. The paper was

informed by a resident and it

was printed in the paper a week

later.

I knew this was not the

proper procedure for a government

office to just lock the door and

leave. I live right across from the

Post office and now have to drive way

out of the way to pick up packages

if I miss them. We have a closet

Post office which is Gordonsville. Our mail² comes out of Hickman but we pass the Gordonsville Post Office to get to Hickman Post office. I still do not understand why the route is coming out of Hickman when the Lancaster route is bigger.

When a meeting was called on closing the Lancaster Post office it was not even posted on the

Lancaster Post office. It was at the Hickman Post office with other papers. This was done ¹⁰ years later. The proper procedure was not followed. A meeting should not be years later.

You say our address will not change

but can you say that when
someone else is in ~~charge~~ charge.

This is one of the last businesses
in Lancaster and I hope to keep
you from closing it.

Sincerely,
Wanda Williams