

Postal Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on March 22, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's decision to close the post office located in Ida, Arkansas. The petition for review was filed by the Committee to Save Ida Post Office (Petitioner) and is postmarked March 16, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than April 6, 2011.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: March 23, 2011

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The Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in the handling of mail by non-career employees. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps, and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with another post office is being done over our objections. This will mean the loss of our identity as a community. We will not have a postmaster to whom we can take our problems, complaints and compliments. We will be directed to a distant postmaster in the home office of our station.

We cannot see any savings to the Postal Service under this arrangement. The clerk in charge of the station will be earning as much as our postmaster and, more than likely, will not be a resident of our community.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully, - Helen & Earlene Cannon
3749 Nelder Spgs Rd N
Co. Box 16
Ida Ar 72546

We have had our town meeting with Postal officials March 10th concerning our post office at Ida. We felt the officials that Co to our Community were of no help to us and failed to see our needs, they failed to answer our questions, and the things they suggested would be just as good as our Post office, would only put a greater burden on the people and more expense and time to travel to another Community to do postal business. Our meeting was scheduled 5:30-7:00 PM. At 6:30 - Patti Robinson (speaker for Postal Service) said it was time (1100)

to Close and left approximately 100 people from
the Ida Community wanting to ask questions, we did
not appreciate them leaving when we had time left. She
is not helping people at all. We realize their needs
to be changes in the postal service, but if the small
offices use ~~only~~ 7% of 1% of the total postal budget, why
do you not concentrate on the 99%. Rural America
provides the food you eat and the clothes you wear
The people in our community raise beef and poultry. (Cott)
The ones that have retired did the same before us. We
need our post office in our community to do our postal
business, we that work don't have time to drive in
to do our postal business in another town. The ones
that are retired are not well enough physically or
financially able to go very far. What is this going to do
to our communities that depend on our post office. The
Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 says "We do not have
be self sustaining to have a post office in our comm.
In the process of your closing rural offices, you are
killing rural communities, our identity, and our
lively hood. Please remember we are real people &
real needs - not numbers. Please let us keep our
Ida Post office!

Respectfully,
Nelson Jackson



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Postal Service Facts, Not Myths

Myths about the Postal Service fly fast and far these days. Some of these myths make it into print and can morph from pure myth to perceived reality. For instance, you may have heard that there are 36,000 post offices in the United States, which are more retail outlets than Walmart, Starbucks and McDonald's combined. In addition, many of these post offices are labeled as "money losers." These statements, made more to shock than to inform, are not accurate. Let's look at the facts.

First, a post office much more than a retail outlet. While post offices have some retail function, usually they are the final distribution point out of which the Postal Service's carrier force operates, and most Postmasters spend most of their time managing carriers, not retail employees. Thus, one can't completely close down the delivery functions of a post office without modifying the delivery system—unless you want the delivery system to grind to a halt. Many of the postal critics don't take this into account when they talk about how much post offices "cost" and push for closing more post offices.

Second, there are not 36,000 post offices but 27,000 and many of those are in rural areas. With 3,537,438 square miles in the United States to cover, that is one distribution point for every 131 square miles in the U.S. Is that really excessive?

Third, some have said that 80 percent of post offices lose money. Even if it were right (and it's not), the figure doesn't mean anything. That is because the revenue generated from the largest part of our mail, commercial mail, is credited to the post office where the mail is entered and not to the post office whose carriers end up delivering that mail. That's right, under USPS' cost accounting system, *all* of the final costs of delivering the mail in a post office's area are included in the costs of the delivering post office—but none of the associated revenue is allocated to that post office.

Of course, the delivery post office loses money. How could it not, when it bears all the final delivery costs but gets none of the associated income?

Oh, that 80 percent figure? It's understated. As the Postal Service recently told the Postal Regulatory Commission, 92.5 percent of post offices lose money.

Only 2,205 post offices are "profitable" and those 2,205 just happen to have the income of some big mailer credited there—even though the cost of delivering that mail is shared by post offices across the country. If you want to make more post offices profitable, just change the cost accounting system so that revenues are properly allocated to post offices.

Now I need make an important distinction. What I just described applies to our nation's cities and suburbs. Rural areas are different. There, small post offices do exist that have few carriers and little revenue. These post offices—the smallest 10,000 post offices—by any cost accounting system often are not "profitable." However, together, these post offices cost less than 1 percent of the Postal Service's budget, and, therefore have no effect on 99 percent of the Postal Service's finances. They are, however, a critical part of the delivery system that allows us to deliver to every rural household every day.

Moreover, their role is much different than a post office in an urban or suburban environment. In addition to their postal function, they play other critical roles in their rural community, including acting as the face of the federal government, functioning as a community center, cashing checks and issuing money orders, and serving as the focal point for that community's identity. Congress has made it somewhat harder to close these small post offices, but that is the way it should be for once a small rural town loses its post office, that town often shrivels up and dies. Their cost to the Postal Service is negligible, and the benefit to the Americans they serve is priceless.

We cannot put rural America and universal service in jeopardy with so little to gain and so much to lose without knowing the facts. The small rural town has as much right to a constitutionally authorized post office as does urban America.

Decisions about the Postal Service need to be based on fact, not myth.

Mark Strong, President,
National League of
Postmasters, and also the
Postmaster of Sun City AZ.

David Camp, District Manager
Customer Service and Sales
United States Postal Service
420 Natural Resources Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72205-9651

Dear Sir:

We, the citizens and customers of the Ida Post Office hereby protest any change in the present status of our post office.

It is our desire to retain our post office at its present status - a United States post office operated by a postmaster and career postal employees.

"We have many concerns, among them the sanctity of the mail and inconvenience your proposal presents to us in delivering and sending the mail, particularly accountable mail. We are especially concerned over what effect your proposed action would have regarding the purchase of postal money orders. We are also well aware of the documented abuses possible through a contract mail station.

The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 calls for providing a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where post offices are not financially self-sustaining.

We do not feel your proposals meet these criteria.

Sincerely,

Committee to Save Our Post Office and Customers of the Ida Post Office:

Wolven Cannon
Barbara Cannon
Jack Fletcher
Linda Fletcher
James L. Hendrix
Glen L. Hendrix
Guy Kary
Charlott Lacy

Harold Dan Lacy } 3819
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 Maxine Lacy } 381
 Gill Lacy } 427
 Patricia Lacy } 501
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 Shirley Lutter, 205
 Wilma Lutter, 205

~~A public meeting was proposed to be held Thursday ~~May~~ March 18th 2011 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. at Pleasant Ridge General Baptist Church in Ida, on Hwy 25. We are requesting your presence if its possible.~~

We have collected over ³⁵³~~200~~ signatures protesting this proposal.

The public meeting has already been, we were very disturbed by what the speaker - Gatti Robinson - presented, you need to send people out that can talk to the communities - that did not happen here, with what you should

Petition

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Name Address Phone Date

Larry Keel Ida

[Signature] Ida

Betty Kunkel Ida

[Signature] Drasco

John M. Stoll

Raymond Sartin

[Signature]

Tom Hinkle

[Signature] Ida

Janie Kunkel IDA

Barbara Lawson Mtn View

Kyl [Signature] 5134 Dry Mtn Rd
Drasco, Ar 72530

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Ricky Whitman 18'

Gene Lovell 24

William Butler P.O.

Ruth Lawson B.

2- Wendell & Betty Buzel

Natasha Bauger 89 B

Tommy Goff 25258

signed
last where ~~Jimmy & Vicki B.~~

Nelson Love

Lola My Lady

Pale Squither

Melinda Lawrence

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Terry Castleberry	4		
ANGEL WILSON	99		
Daniel Bower			
Donnie Bower			
Rolres Ashbery			
Sharon Adco			
Tony Moin			
Carolyn Mosier			
Adria Riley			
Roy Riley			
Evelyn Pierce			
Kaselia Riley			

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Carl Wilson	990		2/27
Don Henry	35		'22
Jeard Webb			538
Jim W. Mann			
Martin Russell	106		
Bruce Southard			
Terry Gudley			
Matt Boy			22-1
Daniel Soper	699 Coi		
Jack Fitcher	44		
Phil S. Rana	2285		
Adrian Hensley	1		

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<u>PAMELA Holcomb</u>	<u>Ida, Ark. 72546</u>		
<u>Linda McClain</u>			1
<u>Charles McClain</u>			1
<u>Paul Hartwick</u>		36	
<u>Ruth Hartwick</u>		3	
<u>Nolan Cannon</u>			1
<u>Barlene Cannon</u>			13-1
<u>Patricia Altom</u>			
<u>Domen Altom</u>			
<u>Falk Lund</u>			
<u>Shelia Conard</u>			107
<u>Edith Dow</u>			546

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Marilyn Pae

Jerry Davis

Cecil Robertson

Lois G. Robertson 383

Debbie Neighbors

Patricia Sackley

Carrie Hooten 49

Mike Hooten 49

Queen Sutherland

James Sutherland 11

Janet Carroll 99 Lac

Roy Carroll 99 Lac

Shirley Sutherland

Wildred Sutherland

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Phillip Long

Michael Webb 21

DAREK TATUM 3450D

Jeremy Heigle 10a

Sharon Foster 35

Linda Russell

Eugene Long

Spencer Lawrence

David Jones

Cassandra

Melvin Farris

Joan Huff

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Address

Phone

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Jennifer Byrd 10

Jim Foy 0

Russell Helm 506

Paul Stubble

Margie Byrd

Anna Throck

Jason Boyce 10

Brian O'Kelley 1

Kathleen Phillips

Todd Maples

James Southland

Austin Young

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Deel Lacy	416		
Ron Armstrong			
Norma Helif			
William J. Helif			
Thomas Helif			
James E. Creasey			
Carey A. Creasey	21		
Navis Lacy	1		
Sam L. Byrd	157		
Donnell Gordon			

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<u>Reggie J Shilly</u>			
<u>DONALD SOUTHERLAND</u>			
<u>ROBERT POLLOCK</u>			
<u>TRUDY STAIR</u>			
<u>Geraldine Allen</u>			
<u>Judy Beer</u>			
<u>Diane Guess</u>			
<u>Jeanette Richards</u>			
<u>David Hunter 2</u>			43 ²¹ / ₂
<u>Ann Hunter 26</u>			
<u>Courtney Carroll</u>			20 ²¹ / ₂
<u>Jimmy Callow</u>			D

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Laura A. Higgy	4		
Berly D. H. H.	3		
Dan Smith	374		
Todd Felt	101		
Connie Sartain	15		
Lois Rickman			30
Butch Dally			41
Jeanie Johnson			
Larry Johnson			
Brandi G. Kae			46
Brian K. Sum.			46
Chasae J. Baek			46

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Robin Yates 40601

James Lee 406

Jerline Hight 27

Jemie Glascock 19451

Jennifer Vinson 61

David Carl Lee 1

Ed Collier 1

John W. Baird

Jerry Slayton

C. Renea Payton

Calvin McDea

Carol McDearme

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<u>Sam Foust</u>			-11
<u>Hope Maus</u>			
<u>Al Hattess</u>			
<u>Kenneth Fe</u>			
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<u>[Signature]</u>			
<u>Isabel Webb</u>			
<u>James D + Hea</u>			A. 2/20/01
<u>Don Smith</u>			62 8-11
<u>Dorothy R. Fletcher</u>			-11
<u>Bill Mason</u>			1/11
<u>Douglas Stum</u>			11

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<u>Walter Fulcher</u>	<u>1</u>		2-26-11
<u>Kathy Fulcher</u>	<u>16</u>		26/11
<u>Jan. Hly</u>	<u>5</u>		32 2-26-11
<u>Samantha Hulsey</u>			7487
<u>Elmer Red</u>			an
<u>Samantha Snock</u>			R-
<u>Harold M. Bu</u>			AR
<u>Kathy White</u>			UR
<u>Danery Wn</u>			AR
<u>E. Mageon Bu</u>			
<u>George E. Bu</u>			
<u>Eddie W. Bu</u>			

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<u>Chloe Martin</u>			2/26/11
<u>Willa Murphree</u>	5		3/26/11
<u>Brandy Galtzly</u>	P		2/27/11
<u>Joe Helton</u>	E		2/26/11
<u>Bruce Shearer</u>	427		'6 2/26/11
<u>James Dazzy</u>	62		o 2/26/11
<u>Edwin Shedd</u>			1220 2/26/11
<u>Tonja Williams</u>			3324
<u>Gary S. Mosconi</u>	3662		
<u>Jason Greene</u>	18		
<u>Laura Lee Hays</u>			
<u>Joe Stenc</u>			81

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<u>Carlow Phillips</u>	<u>P.</u>		7-11
<u>Travis Lawrence</u>	<u>12</u>		2-27-11
<u>Kenneth Stain</u>	<u>P</u>		1
<u>Erlene Fletcher</u>			1/27/11
<u>Allen Lamb</u>	<u>P.</u>		17/11
<u>Sara Ricketts</u>			12-27-11
<u>Barbara Greene</u>			7-6706 229
<u>Ricky Willis</u>			27-11
<u>Keith Conklin</u>			4/11
<u>Deanna Conklin</u>			
<u>Melina Odom</u>			
<u>Jerry Pierce</u>	<u>60</u>		7-11

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Trinity Maples			1-11
Becky Maples			1-11
Larry Johnson			
Lee Packley			759 /
Ames James Cleveland			'8
Jeani Johnson			26032
Craig Burt			89-1901
Marvin Dau			415 158
DAN ELSLANDER			3-2-11
BRIAN SHIPLEY			1
Nicole Partain			1
Josh Miller			1-2-11
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<u>Josh Botner</u>			2 3/2/2011
<u>Willard Phillips</u>			17 3/3/11
<u>Betty Phillips</u>			3/3/11
<u>Frank Chatter</u>			18 3/3/11
<u>Michelle R B</u>			6289
<u>David Vinson</u>			840
<u>Michael Dedard</u>			0812
<u>Alem Warner</u>			01-362-514
<u>Cassandra Jern</u>			2153 3/5/11
<u>Larry Harker</u>			14 3/5/11
<u>Charles H. Stue</u>			2
<u>Frances Tel</u>			836 3/6/11 206-9778

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<u>Erma Dean Litaler</u>	<u>3344</u>		
<u>Naomia M. Lawrence</u>	<u>251</u>		
<u>Brenda D. Gabb</u>	<u>26</u>		
<u>George L. Babb</u>	<u>265</u>		
<u>ROBERT A</u>			
<u>Ricky King</u>	<u>949</u>		
<u>Mary Ann Jackson</u>	<u>91</u>		
<u>Wendilyn M. F.</u>			
<u>Robert Welland</u>	<u>391</u>		
<u>Rachel Cannon</u>	<u>59</u>		
<u>Meagan Cannon</u>	<u>5944</u>		
<u>Stephen Cannon</u>	<u>594</u>		

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<u>Lynne Clark</u>			1/12
<u>Mina Darter</u>	3		72530 10
<u>Noel E Darter</u>	3		0
<u>Sammy Sittler</u>	3		0
<u>Linda Reed</u>	3		2530
<u>Melba Deekard</u>			10
<u>Karl Martin</u>	24		30
<u>Rebecca Martin</u>	244		530
<u>Bill Neuma</u>			20725
<u>Wanda Neuma</u>			1
<u>Justin Newk</u>			1
<u>Christa Newk</u>			
<u>Michelle Taylor</u>			
<u>Christian T</u>			

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<u>James Fletcher</u>	<u>4489</u>		7-6-11
<u>Aaron Fletcher</u>	<u>4489</u>		11
<u>Linda Fletcher</u>	<u>F</u>		3-7-11
<u>S.P. Schwett</u>	<u>m.d. 9</u>		3/2/11
<u>Thelma Hopkins</u>	<u>106</u>		262 ³⁹
<u>David Maples</u>	<u>247</u>		19
<u>Ed Suteri</u>	<u>21</u>		530
<u>Olivia McCremie</u>	<u>1</u>		2530
<u>Jasmine Korkel</u>			2546
<u>Brittany Darral K</u>			546
<u>Anna Nicole K</u>			546
<u>Robert Korkel</u>			546

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<u>Marsha Perry</u>	<u>416</u>		//
<u>Jim Perry</u>	<u>475</u>		
<u>Kallen Lacy</u>	<u>59</u>		
<u>Head of Quail</u>	<u>P.O.</u>		
<u>Kaleb Lacy</u>	<u>59</u>		
<u>Ed Lacy</u>	<u>411</u>		2-8089 3/10/11
<u>Marsha Lacy</u>	<u>410</u>		-10-11
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>PO 1</u>		3-15-11

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<u>Angela Allender</u>			
<u>Coonie Morris</u>			11
<u>Mary Monismake</u>			7-3/4/11
<u>Philip Cannon</u>			1-11
<u>Joe Wolf</u>			68052
<u>Ronald S</u>			8-3042
<u>Lloyd Sartai</u>			626191
<u>Jerry Linnson</u>			870-668-3662
<u>Jennifer Murphy</u>			3-7-11
<u>Wallace Coap</u>			

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<u>Alinah L. Stoll</u>			5 2/25/11
<u>Marvin Logan</u>			7
<u>Susan Presley</u>			1/20/11
<u>James R. Presley</u>			
<u>Vièkie L. Brooke</u>			2/26/11
<u>Jimmy D. Brooks</u>			2/26/11
<u>Shelma Roberts</u>			2/26/11
<u>James Roberts</u>			2/26/11
<u>Gerdi Ruckley</u>			5803 2-26
<u>Doris RUCKLEY</u>			5803 2-26
<u>Erma Lee Ruckley</u>			9 2-26-11

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<u>Charlotte Leay</u>	<u>4204 Hei</u>		
<u>Ray Ray</u>	<u>"</u>		
<u>Kristen Taylor</u>	<u>122</u>		22-11
<u>Ben H. Young</u>	<u>-</u>		
<u>Mike Kupti</u>	<u>-103</u>		22-11
<u>Charles Johnson</u>	<u></u>		22-11
<u>ERIC RENNICK</u>	<u>39</u>		2-22-11
<u>Sonny Kennedy</u>	<u>122</u>		1832
<u>Doug Lewis</u>	<u>8</u>		25-11
<u>James Sumner</u>	<u></u>		2-25-11
<u>Anita Maples</u>	<u>152</u>		

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