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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
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I, VIRGINIA RADDER, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that:

1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify as follows:

2. This statement is being submitted in support of suspending the closure of the Nooksack Post Office (605 Nooksack Avenue, Nooksack, WA 98276) while the appeal of the determination by the U. S. Postal Service is pending before the Postal Regulatory Commission.

3. Contract workers hired by the postal service arrived and started to measure the post office boxes in Nooksack on Monday May 16, 2011, and began working in the Everson Post Office to consolidate the post office boxes.

4. On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, I drove to the Everson Post Office to speak with Bev Huisman the O.I.C. at the Everson Post Office. She was not there. I saw the contract workers had cut large sections of the wall out in the Everson Post Office in preparation for the relocation of the Nooksack post office boxes. Next to the hole in the wall was a notice. The notice is attached as Exhibit "H". One of the workers told me they may move the post office boxes before May 27th so they didn't have to work over

the Memorial Day weekend. There is no notice posted at the Nooksack Post Office in regards to this. From the Everson Post Office, I called the Lynden Post Office and talked to the Postmaster, Brian Mouche´. He was in a meeting with the O.I.C. from the Everson Post Office. I informed him that the City of Nooksack filed an appeal of the closure of Nooksack Post Office and an application for suspension of the closure of the Nooksack Post Office with the Postal Regulatory Commission. I informed Brian Mouche´ I was willing to drive to Lynden and meet with him and O.I.C. Bev Huisman and give them a copy of the paperwork. Brian Mouche´ said that wasn't necessary and I could leave the copy at the Everson Post Office.

5. After I left the Everson Post Office, I went to the Nooksack Post Office. Nowhere in the facility were there any notices about the proposed closure and relocation of the post office boxes the following week.

6. Numerous times during the day Nooksack City Hall receives phone calls or citizens coming in to voice their concern and ask questions about how they are going to get their mail, can they put up mail boxes and when is it going to happen. No one from the local postal department has answers and the Seattle District office won't return any phone calls.

7. On Wednesday, May 18, 2011, a notice was put in the post office boxes at the Nooksack Post Office about the proposed closure.. The notice is attached as Exhibit "I".

8. On Friday, May 20, 2011, I called and talked to the O.I.C. at the Everson Post Office, she said she just received the okay for cluster boxes on May 19, 2011. The O.I.C. informed me that the Postmaster from Lynden and herself would be driving around Nooksack this afternoon to finalize where they are going to put the cluster boxes. She said the cluster boxes have not been ordered. She said she would need to order the cluster boxes, have the contractors pour the slabs and install the cluster boxes. She told me the cluster boxes may be installed by July 1, 2011. This would leave a gap of at least 30 days without mail delivery in the City of Nooksack. There are senior citizens who live in Nooksack who do not drive, and if there is no rural delivery and no Post Office Boxes in Nooksack it appears they can not get their mail.

9. As of Friday, May 20, 2011 the postal clerk at the Nooksack Post Office has removed all the retail items.

10. For these reasons, in addition to those previously set forth, it is respectfully requested that the Postal Regulatory Commission grant the City of Nooksack's application for suspension of closure during the pendency of the appeal regarding the closure of the Nooksack Post Office.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2011.

VIRGINIA RADDER

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 20th day of May, 2011.

PATSY J. DYKSTERHUIS
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION EXPIRES
JULY 9, 2014

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington: Residing at Everson
My Commission Expires: July 9, 2014

EXHIBIT H

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

May 13, 2011

Dear Postal Customer:

As you may know the post office boxes from Nooksack will be moved to the Everson Post Office.

To accommodate all postal boxes we will need to move the location of your post office box. We will move your lock in order for you to keep your same post office box number and key. Your postal box will be located in the section to the right of where you currently receive mail.

On Tuesday, May 17th we will be moving your lock and labeling your new box.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions please call 360-966-4700.

Sincerely,

Beverly Huisman
108 Blair Dr
Everson Wa 98247

5/17/11
Posted next to the hole that is cut out of the wall at the Everson Post office.

Posted at Everson Post office

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CITY OF NOOKSACK

May 18, 2011

Postal Customer:

This is to inform you of the U.S. Postal Service decision to relocate the Nooksack Branch Post Office Box Unit located at 605 Nooksack Avenue.

It has been determined that retail operations at the Nooksack Office will cease at the close of business, May 27th, 2011 and delivery to the Post Office boxes will cease after May 28th, 2011. Post Office Boxes currently located in Nooksack will be re-located to the Everson Post Office.

The Everson Post Office is located at 108 Blair Drive, Everson, WA 98247. The lobby hours for Everson are Monday – Sunday, 24 hours, and our retail hours are Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm. The Post Office Box mail will be available by 10:30am daily.

Current Post Office box customers will not need to make an address change or exchange keys. We will be moving the current Post Office boxes from Nooksack to Everson on May 29, 2011. You will be able to access your box beginning May 30th, 2011.

Fees for the current free Post Office boxes will be processed in the month of July.

A letter concerning street delivery and location of the cluster boxes will be sent out soon.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 360-966-4700.

Thank your for your time and patience.

Sincerely,

Beverly Huisman
OIC Everson Post Office