

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 July 26, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the East Camden Branch post office located in East Camden, Arkansas. The petition for review was filed by Gene Hill (Petitioner) and is postmarked July 19, 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 August 10, 2011.


Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: July 26, 2011

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Postal Regulatory Commission,

Please consider this as a formal appeal to the Final Determination to close the East Camden Branch Post Office – Docket Number 1438579-71701.

I would like to start by addressing some factual errors in the document provided;

- 1) The Camden Post Office is seven miles from the East Camden branch not four miles;
- 2) East Camden is a separate community from Camden with its own mayor, city council etc... and is not "administered politically" by the City of Camden as stated in the Final Determination Document.
- 3) Police protection is not provided by the City of Camden, as stated.
- 4) Fire protection is not provided by the City of Camden, as stated.

All of these services are provided by East Camden, which is a separate community from Camden.

While this incorrect information may seem trivial to the decision making process, the correct information was presented to U.S. Post Office personnel, in an April 26th conference call, that included U.S. Senator John Boozman and his staff and, again, in a face to face meeting with U.S. Post Office personnel at Highland Industrial Park in East Camden on May 11th. Now, over two months later, the incorrect information relative to the political and operational status of East Camden is still included in the Final Determination Document.

If this information was relative to the process, then the decision should be reevaluated using the correct information.

Issue #2 is the calculation of cost savings related to this closure. The cost elements considered in the evaluation were as follows:

- 1) Labor and fringe benefits;
- 2) Annual lease costs; and
- 3) Annual cost of replacement service.

1) Labor and fringe benefits – In heading III on page 4 of the Final Determination Document it states; "Any employee assigned to this facility will be relocated with the Postal Service". If all employees are going to be reassigned, what is the basis for approximately \$90,000 in labor related cost savings?

2) Annual Lease Costs – Your current lease on the East Camden facility expires April 30, 2015. There will be no cost savings relative to this lease until the expiration of the current lease agreement, almost four years from now. This savings is shown as \$9,420 annually in the Final Determination Document.

3) Annual Costs of Replacement Service is calculated as \$0. This shows a lack of understanding of this area, the current level of service and the customer base for the East Camden facility. The response to Concern #5 states "Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the Carrier and Customers will not have to travel to another post office for service."

Currently there is no carrier service in this area that services Highland Industrial Park and all of the industrial tenants contained within the complex. Highland encompasses over 18,000 acres and is home to many large businesses, including the major U.S. DOD Contractors on the attached listing. The idea that rural carrier service can be provided in that size of an area to large volume customers at no cost is not realistic.

The rural / contract carrier issue is also shown as item #1 in the list of "advantages" of this proposal. I would like to see a review of the cost of enacting this proposal, that explains how the carrier activity is going to be carried out at no cost. That review should also consider how rural carrier service is going to be provided at all to the larger volume, non-residential customers that are currently the box holders at the East Camden location. The types of vehicles currently used for rural delivery in South Arkansas will not be sufficient for this task.

It is understood that the U.S. Post Office has cost concerns and a need to make some hard decisions relative to postal facilities. This analysis, however, is significantly flawed in its analysis of cost savings and shows a total lack of understanding of the customer base for this facility.

It is my hope that an objective and thorough evaluation will be done before enacting a decision that will not save money, but will cost more to implement than continuing to operate the current site.

Sincerely,

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