

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 August 3, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Monroe post office located in Monroe, Arkansas. The petition for review was filed by Martha Pineda (Petitioner) and is postmarked July 26, 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 18, 2011.



Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary

Date: August 4, 2011

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Appeal on behalf of the Monroe Post Office in Monroe Arkansas 72108

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This is an appeal and request for Petition to review the final Postal Service decision to close the Monroe Post Office.

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I and other residents of Monroe and customers of Monroe Post Office feel that Postal service did NOT follow proper procedure in their decision to close the Monroe Post Office in Monroe, Arkansas.

Below are listed some points that we feel have NOT been addressed and were not taken in to consideration:

- 1) The Post Masters position was never posted or advertised for this post office.
- 2) There was never a full disclosure of the financial statement.
- 3) The cost to restore the property back to what it was before the post office was located in the property was never disclosed to the property owner.
- 4) Property owner has never been notified by the Postal Service in writing that the Post Office will be closing.
- 5) A study was not done to see how much it would cost the postal service to add extra hours to the rural mail carrier as the new workload will burden the rural carriers' route.
- 6) Revenue loss for this post office has never been disclosed to the public just at a town meeting.
- 7) Before the posting of post office closing revenue was beginning to increase but after posting the post office was closing revenue has declined.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture website's page on rural development displays this promise: "Committed to the future of rural communities". The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided support to make renewable energy sources commercially viable with the goals of creating sustainable opportunities for wealth, new jobs and increase economic activity in rural America, how is it possible that we could be divesting from one of our most basic public functions: THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE? Closing this post office would be devastation to rural community that depend on their mail being delivered at the post office.

What value did the Postal Service assign to providing services to rural business already struggling to survive? To supporting a competitive environment in which families and business can thrive? We are slowly but surely giving up on rural America.

Martha Pineda

