

## 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 8, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the State University post office located in State University, Arkansas. The petition for review was filed online by Edward T. Hammerand (Petitioner).

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 23, 2011.



Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary

Date: August 9, 2011

Attachment

July 8, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-001

Honorable Commissioners:

On July 5, Docket Number 1383349-72467, "*Final Determination to Consolidate the State University, AR Post Office and Continue to Provide a Classified Station*", was posted in the State University, AR (72467) Post Office. This action is being taken after only marginally meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, and over our protestations.

We, the customers of the State University, AR Post Office, vigorously protest this action, in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our State University, AR post office with the Jonesboro, AR Post Office is being done over our objections. This will mean the loss of our identity as a university community. We will not have a postmaster to whom we can take our problems, complaints and compliments. We will be directed to a off-site 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 university community. Further, the loss of certain on-site services, such as bulk mailing, may lead to eventual loss of revenue associated with our post office, which could in turn lead to the complete closure of our post office. As a consolidated post office without its own postmaster, this action could be taken without the same considerations we, the customers of State University, AR, are now legally due.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in densely-populated 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,

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and

other customers of 72467