

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 10, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Stoy post office located in Stoy, Illinois. The petition for review was filed by Lisa L. McKinley (Petitioner) and is postmarked August 1, 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 25, 2011.



Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary

Date: August 10, 2011

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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to appeal the decision to close the post office in Stoy, Illinois. The information being presented as to the amount of money the U.S. Postal Service will save by closing our post office is not accurate. They list the amount they will save based on what they would pay a postmaster, i.e. higher salary, benefits, etc. We have a PMR who runs our post office. The last postmaster we had retired in 1993 and the post office has been run by a PMR since that time with no complaints whatsoever from the customers of that post office. They are proposing that they will save \$15,000 in salary and \$3,120 in benefits. In actuality, the PMR receives \$10,000 a year salary and no benefits. They also list the addition cost of \$4,795 to have the mail delivered by a rural carrier. We feel this is a very strong misrepresentation as to how much money this will save them.

Also, I work out of my home. There are times when I need money orders. Their answer to that was to leave the money in the mailbox for the rural carrier, who will then pick up my cash, take it to the post office, and bring me back the money order the following day. Would you leave \$300 cash in a mailbox? I won't. So I will have to make a trip to Robinson, the post office that will be serving us, and wait in line 30 minutes (which I was just told happens quite often). Not to mention the price of gas and what this will hurt my business to spend that money on gas, but

also I cannot be away from my business for one hour (driving time, plus waiting time).

Under provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, the Postal Service is obligated to provide a MAXIMUM degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas where post offices are not self-sustaining. Therefore, we feel that under this act, they cannot close our post office solely on the purpose of the lack of income it brings in. This will definitely hurt my business, along with Marathon who has a pipeline office in this town, as well as a few other businesses.

A reason given for such a decrease in income by the Postal Service is that more people are doing business on-line. This will only force me to do more of my business on-line bypassing the Postal Service. I still mail all of my bills, but if this happens, I will start doing my bill paying on-line. It seems to me that the very thing they are saying is hurting them, they are pushing more of us into using.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa L. McKinley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa L. McKinley

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