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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FRANCITAS, TX 77941
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-47

ASHLEY + CAROLINA JALUFKA, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the CLOSING OF post office. The Final Determination was posted 07-13-2011.
FRANCITAS (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

① LACK OF MANAGEMENT + USPS SERVICES WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS THAT WOULD INCREASE AND SUSTAIN REVENUE FOR A POST OFFICE TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

② NO IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE TO SOLVE THE ISSUES AT HAND AND CUSTOMERS WERE NOT AWARE UNTIL A NOTICE TO CLOSE THE POST OFFICE WAS POSTED (FEB. 2011).

③ SINCE REMOVAL OF PRIOR (OIC) USPS EMPLOYEE, SALES HAVE INCREASED BASED UPON THE USPS STANDARDS LEVEL TO OPERATE OUR FACILITY.

- ④ ACCORDING TO POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION, MAINTAINING ALL SMALL AND RURAL POST OFFICES AMOUNT TO LESS THAN 0.7% OF USPS TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET.
- ⑤ CURRENT LAWS PROHIBITS THE USPS FROM CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATING A POST OFFICE DUE TO FINANCIAL REASONS. REFER TO SECTION 101 (b) OF TITLE 39 OF THE U.S. CODE.
- ⑥ CLOSING THE USPS WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ELDERLY AND LESS FORTUNATE RESIDENTS CAUSING THEM TO TRAVEL A GREAT DISTANCE FOR THEIR POSTAL SERVICE NEEDS.
- ⑦ USPS STATED THAT ONCE FRANCITAS USPS CLOSED WE WOULD BE USING LA WARD POST OFFICE, NOW LA WARD POST OFFICE IS CLOSING, LEAVING FRANCITAS RESIDENTS TO TRAVEL EVEN GREATER DISTANCES.
- ⑧ USPS DID NOT MAIL TO EVERY POST OFFICE BOX HOLDER A QUESTIONNAIRE, PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSAL, NOR A PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION. INSTEAD ONE COPY WAS POSTED IN A DISCRETE MANNER TO NOT BE SEEN.
- ⑨ USPS (OIC) EMPLOYEE WAS TOLD NOT TO GIVE DOCUMENTATION, INFORMATION, NOR TALK ABOUT THE SITUATION WITH CUSTOMERS UNLESS CUSTOMERS ASK FOR VERY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION. EMPLOYEES WERE TOLD TO "MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS" BY USPS EXECUTIVES.

⑩ CLOSING THE POST OFFICE WOULD CAUSE LOSS OF IDENTITY FOR THE TOWN.

⑪ FRANCIAS POST OFFICE IS CONSIDERED PART OF CALHOUN COUNTY DURING CURRENT EVALUATION WHEN ACTUALLY WE ARE IN JACKSON COUNTY.

⑫ NO OTHER OPTIONS WERE CONSIDERED WHEN DECIDING TO CLOSE POST OFFICE.

EXAMPLE : A) RESIDENTS ARE WILLING TO PAY A FEE FOR A RENTAL BOX

B) LANDLORD OFFER TO LOWER RENT.

⑬ CLOSING THE POST OFFICE WOULD DAMPER INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES INCLUDING :

A) FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

B) CHURCHES

C) CEMETERY

THANK YOU.