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BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Sublime, TX 77986  
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-45

Betty Bunch, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Sublime post office. The Final Determination was posted on July 13, 2011.  
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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.

A few facts that show that USPS headquarters in D.C. does not itself comply with its own regulations, yet it expects field offices to do the almost impossible. To wit, some findings of an audit by USPS's Inspector General, requested by Senator Susan Collins, ranking member, Government Affairs Committee:

1. As of 6-4-2010, USPS was paying 100% of health insurance premiums for 835 senior executives, including

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the office of Inspector General Directors.

2. USPS awarded 359 Contracts to former USPS executives without competition; three of these were hired at almost twice their former pay. Additionally, USPS could not identify how many contracts were awarded without competition, and that 35% of the no-bid contracts lacked justification. Therefore, USPS's contract management did not protect it from the "AWFULs"; i.e., Abuse, Waste, and Fraud.

3. Consolidation of area (Dallas) and district (San Antonio) field offices could result in significant savings. Our district rep (snobbish Mr. Tom Billington) did not mention this at our Community meeting. He only read his power-point, laser-tipped words. The above three ethical lapses alone cost USPS \$800 million annually.

Both myself as 25 year Postmaster at Sublime, and the current OIC, Mary Lee Berger, served our rural community with care, pride and, yes, love, evidenced by our work at their small office - with NO WATER and NO BATHROOM, despite 25 years of digging. I brought gallons of water from home daily to mop and clean, closed for 5-10 minutes to go home to the bathroom. The clear truth here: We at this 136 years-of-service post office employ a very old-fashioned virtue - Frugality. Shame on USPS's D.C. employees that they will not do - and therefore cannot say - the same. Good info for a possible future newspaper article. Apt. 9, 2011  
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