

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:

Grant, Iowa 50847
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
Docket No: A 2011-44
SECRETARY

Nancy L. Taylor, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Grant, Iowa post office. The Final Determination was posted 8-1-2011.
(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.

The "facts" by the postal service I question, and here are my reasons:
• At the community meeting Feb 23, 2011 a question was asked Sara Lindauer how much it cost to run the Grant Post office, and she responded \$50,000. I then questioned Sara on this twice and the first response to me was \$50,000 and when I asked the second time I asked if she had a spreadsheet that showed the breakdown. I don't know what she looked at, or did, but her reply was \$18,500. Why did Sara twice say

\$50,000 then \$18,500? Then on the docket under item IV (Economic Savings) it shows the "total annual cost" of \$23,892. I'm not sure what the true cost of running the Grant Post Office is/was \$50,000, \$18,500, or \$23,892. That's a big difference in figures. It's hard to trust the postal's decision to close the Grant Post Office when the "facts" don't make sense. How then can we trust that rest of the information in the docket is correct? Did they have the "facts" straight when quoting the number of transactions, number of revenue units and dollar amounts?

- I found it interesting at the Feb. 23, 2011 community meeting held at the Grant United Methodist Church when I asked Sara Lindauer (Post Officer Review Director - I believe this was her title) if the Grant Postmaster had not retired would Grant be on the 'chopping block'. Her answer was "no." Did they offer the current Officer in Charge the postmaster decision? If doing so, and she said yes, would Grant Post Office be considered for closing?

- I understand trying to save money. Has the postal service tried other options? For example, why is there Saturday mail? Has anyone crunched the numbers on the savings by eliminating Saturday delivery? Of course could we trust those figures?

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I wonder why the United States Postal Service law Department has "over 200 career attorneys in offices across the country." (This was taken from the USPS - law Department page I found on the Internet 2-18-11. Ironically when I went back to this site, which I book marked, it was no longer available. -- interesting!)

Now to me this appears a place you could save some money. I'm sure one lawyer's salary is over \$50,000, \$18,500, or \$23,892 a year. I would like to see proof that the Postal Service has tried to "save" money in other areas.

No one likes to lose a business in town, and it has a huge impact on a small town. The majority of citizens in Grant are retired and are on limited income, and will truly miss the post office should

you allow the postal service to close it. There were 73 signatures on the petition supporting the retention of the Grant Post office (according to the docket). The population in Grant, according to the 2010 census, was 92. That is a GOOD percentage of people who want to keep the post office open.

I appreciate anything you can do to keep the Grant Post Office open.

Sincerely,

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