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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of:

Francitas, TX 77961
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-47

Raymond Salinas Jr., Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Francitas post office. The Final Determination was posted _____ (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.

See attached letter Docket No. A2011-47

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
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SEPT. 14th 2011

To Whom It May Concern:
RE: DOCKET NO. A2011-47

WE THE COMMUNITY OF FRANCITAS CONTINUES TO APPEAL THE CLOSURE OF THE FRANCITAS POST OFFICE. FEDERAL LAW CURRENTLY PROTECTS US. CURRENT FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS THE CLOSURE OF RURAL POST OFFICE DUE TO OPERATING IN A DEFICIT. U.S.P.S. IS PROCEEDING TO CLOSE OUR POST OFFICE WITH A NEW PROCESS METHOD PLAN PROPOSAL. THE PROCESS IS NOT BEING FOLLOWED BY U.S.P.S. BY THE LAW. U.S.P.S. ALREADY HAS A TENTATIVE DATE TO CLOSE OUR POST OFFICE WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF OUR APPEAL PROCESS. U.S.P.S. HAS FAILED TO NOTIFY ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. U.S.P.S. HELD A COMMUNITY MEETING ON MARCH 15th 2011 AND GAVE EVERYONE TILL MARCH 30th TO PROTEST THE CLOSURE OF OUR POST OFFICE. WE SHOULD HAVE HAD 30 DAYS TO PROCESS OUR OPOSITION. U.S.P.S. ISSUED ADDITIONAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC BY POSTING ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE POST OFFICE. THE NOTICES WERE REMOVED SEVERAL DAYS LATER. NOT ALL CUSTOMERS WERE ABLE TO READ THE PROPOSAL. THEN TWO WEEKS LATER THE PROPOSAL NOTICE WERE REPOSTED ON THE BULLITON BOARD. **THE FINAL DECISION PROPOSAL WAS POSTED BUT NO INFORMATION NOR ADDRESS WAS GIVEN TO APPEAL THE PROCESS.** NOT ALL CUSTOMERS WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL. U.S.P.S. FAILED TO POST AND PROCESS THE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY LAW. OUR RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED BY U.S.P.S. **WE CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE CLOSURE OF OUR FRANCITAS POST OFFICE.** THE OPTION U.S.P.S. GAVE TO US WAS TO CONTINUE TO DO OUR BUSINESS AT THE LAWARD POST OFFICE. THE LAWARD POST OFFICE IS CURRENTLY UNDER A STUDY TO BE CLOSED ALSO. **CLOSING THE FRANCITAS POST OFFICE WILL BE A HARDSHIP TO OUR ELDERLY, TO OUR HANDICAPPED CUSTOMERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO TRAVEL THE DISTANCE TO COLLECT THEIR DAILY MAIL, AND TO CONTINUE TO DO THEIR DAILY POSTAL BUSINESS.** WE HAVE A PERFECTLY GOOD BUILDING TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN OPERATION. THE LESSOR IS WILLING TO WORK WITH U.S.P.S. TO MAINTAIN OUR POST OFFICE OPEN. WE MAINTAIN OUR REQUEST TO APPEAL WITH YOU THE US POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION TO **HEAR OUR PLEA TO HELP US TO PROTECT OUR RIGHT. PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR 100 YEAR OLD POST OFFICE OPEN. WE WILL SETTLE FOR REDUCING THE HOURS OF OPERATION BUT OPPOSE THE CLOSURE.**

SINCERELY,



RAYMOND SALINAS