

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:

West Elkton, OH 45070
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Docket No: A2011-53

Jeanne Pierson, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the West Elkton OH post office. The Final Determination was posted 8/12/2011.
(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.

I do not feel the Postal Service has proven the closing of the West Elkton is for anything other than financial reasons. In the determination the building is found to be deficient due to lack of parking. The office has been here for more than 100 years without parking and was never an issue until now. The Gratis OH and Collinsville OH offices are both without parking lots. They are each within

a few miles of West Elkton.

The Postal Service also mentioned it is customary to study a small office when there is a vacancy. The postmaster position at Collinsville OH has been vacant for about 2 years. It is a small office in a garage attached to a home but has not been reviewed.

The economic savings listed in the determination showed postmaster salary as \$33,168 and fringe benefits as \$11,111. The office has been run by a PMR for several years. The Postal Service has not spent that much on wages and benefits during this time.