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Participant Statement

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:

WEST ELKTON, OHIO 45070
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-53

WILLIAM F. BATES, Petitioner(s)
MAYOR OF WEST ELKTON

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

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

To Postal Regulatory Commission
West Elkton is a very small
village consisting of only a couple of
hundred people with a large percentage
being senior citizens and low income.
We have two restaurants, one
small business, a library and our
post office.

2.

We feel losing our post office would be detrimental to our Village, this would also hurt people outside of the village who choose to have a postal box in town because of vandalism to rural mailboxes.

We understand the community of Coltsville Ohio (next door) will remain open. Their post office is run out of a garage. Our building is much more secure and on a main Highway #503 well traveled and easy access.

If there is anyway we can change your mind we will work with you.

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Thank you
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