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RE: Appeal to Close the Post Office at Redmon, Illinois 61949

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Enclosed are the appeals collected from the residents of Redmon, Illinois 61949 protesting the closure of our Post Office. This closure would be a hardship for many of our 142 townspeople.

The Post Office has served us since 1874 with excellence concerning service, PO Boxes, Postage and Postal Products. It is a valuable part of our community. We are asking that the final determination to close this office (Exhibit 1) be rescinded based on the enclosed appeals (Exhibits 2).

According to Postal Regulations customers cannot be forced to have rural delivery instead of PO Boxes. (Exhibit 3). We are not getting an option. We are being forced into rural delivery and we do not like it. It is our choice to keep our PO Boxes.

We understand the Postal Service is in dire straits and needs to cut back but to totally eliminate our service is too extreme. According to the National Association of Postmasters if all the small rural Post Offices were closed, it would only be a savings of 0.7 of one percent of the Postal Services entire operational budget, but closures will effect thousands of people with the reduction of service. 86% of the American public OPPOSES the closing of Post Offices. (Exhibit 4) . It is the law that the Postal Service

“shall provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to rural areas, communities, and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining.”

Our suggestion is that we have a 4 hour office open for Box Holders and purchasing stamps and mailing parcels. This would cut the PO expenses in half and we would still have our service. We suggest that the regulation regarding No Fee Boxes be removed from the record and that everyone who has a PO Box must pay the proper fees for it. The people in our town would pay the yearly fees if we could just keep our Post Office open..

These actions would cut the Postal Service expenses by 75% and still leave us with some service. Doesn't it make sense to save money and still have some type of service and still generate the revenue at the same time?

The Postal Service is forgetting its main purpose and that is to provide quality, reliable and responsible service to its customers. By forcing us to put up rural boxes and driving 9 miles into town to do our postal business is not providing a service, it causes hardships.

However, if you do decide to uphold the Postal Service's determination to close our office at least put us into suspension according to Postal Regulation Title 39:Postal Service Part 3001 Subpart H 3001.114 (Exhibit 5). To attempt to have us all put up rural boxes and get things properly addressed will take time. This is a community of retirees and farmers, a total of 69 houses, things are harder for us to get done. Forcing us to have this done during the harvesting time and then in winter is unreasonable and would be more costly and more risks of accidents to the older folks attempting to get rural boxes up. At least leave the Post Office open until all that is completed in the spring of 2012. We want everything done right and do not want our mail delayed due to this

proposed and forced change in service

I have done some computer research, spoken with the landlord and reviewed previous lease agreements for the property and found out the following in the realm of the financial situation that the city of Redmon Post Office is in. This analysis shows that the Post Office can stay open for 4 hours per day with minimal cost and the service would remain the same and still generate revenue. Take into consideration of the cost of a service replacement, rural delivery, the 4 hour option would be more suitable. The results are as follows:

Final Determination States (Exhibit 1)

44,279.00 for PM salary and fringe benefits (Exhibit 1?)

13,581.00 for OIC salary and no fringe benefits

30,698.00 SAVINGS for wages per year

6,100.00 building lease which was just signed May, 2011 for 5 years

This must be paid whether building is vacant or occupied

13,581.00 for wages

6,100.00 for yearly lease

19,681.00 cost per year to stay open

- 12,749.00 revenue intake average

6,932.00 cost per year to stay open

-3570.00 per year generated by the removed no fee regulation

3,262.00 cost per year to stay open (Divide this by 12 months and it comes out to)
\$280.17 per month cost to stay open

The average Rural Carrier receives \$19.45 per hour (Plus fringe benefits).(Exhibit 6)

Taking in consideration the time to prepare the mail for delivery, bundling and loading and the driving out to the town making the deliveries and then returning back to the Paris Post Office would take approximately 2 hours. If it were to take only 2 hours each day to complete the preparation, delivery and driving out to the City of Redmon that would total out to be \$234.38 per week for wages plus gas mileage. That amount times 4 weeks equals \$937.92 per month . If it costs \$280.17 per month to simply go to 4 hours per day and close all of our boxes to a total of \$937.92 per month for a rural carrier to complete the job that means the Postal Service is spending \$657.75 extra per month than if we were to make just a few adjustments to the no fee box regulations. We are all willing to pay for our boxes and informed management of that while they were here for the town meeting..

It doesn't make sense to put us to Rural Delivery when we don't want to go to it and it turns out to be more expensive. The current Redmon, Ill. OIC lives next to the Paris Post Office and she could easily pick up the mail from there and bring it to Redmon each day since she would be going there anyway. Also she could return the outgoing mail to the Paris Post Office on her way home in time for mail pick up so there would be no need for a contract truck route to come out here and she drives a truck anyway and this would save gas and mileage expenses of the Mail Contract Star Route.

So taking this all into account we see no need to be forced into a Rural Delivery System here in Redmon and we are protesting the Postal Services Determination to close our Post Office.

Take further into consideration, if the Postal no fee box regulation cannot be changed, paying a rural carrier \$234.38 per week, \$937.92 per month times 12 month would be

\$11,255.04, which is more than it would cost to keep the station open for four hours per day (\$6932.00) by a total of 4,323.04. For consideration also, If the Postal Service claims that it would take only 1 hour per day that would be a total of \$116.70 per week times 52 weeks is \$6068.40. A difference of only 863.60 per year more to keep the Post Office open. That is only \$2.36 per day. It is not reasonable for our Post Office to be closed for the small amount of savings.

One of the Postal Services criteria for making a closure decision is the impact it would have on the community. Looking at the four different letters (Exhibit 7) sent to Postal Customers of four different offices, all under consideration for closure are showing that the Postal Service is not listening to the communities at all. One letter going to Brockton townspeople refer them to get PO Boxes in Redmon, already determined to be closed.

Another one of these letters refers Postal Customers of Metcalf to go to Hume for PO Boxes, Hume is under consideration for closure as well.

Another letter refers the Postal Customers of Hume to go to Newman for PO Boxes.

The letter to the Redmon residents refer them to Brockton for PO Boxes, also another city under consideration for closure. It doesn't appear that any community intake was actually received by the Postal Service, they just decided and that was that. They just can't decide where people can get their PO Boxes.

For all of the above mentioned reasons we are asking the the Redmon Post Office not be closed at this time. We pray that you honor our request.

CC: Tim Johnson, Representative
Dick Durbin, Senator



FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE REDMON, IL POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1378995 - 61949



EXHIBIT #1

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is issuing the final determination to close the Redmon, IL Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Paris Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on May 01, 2010. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office was studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: postmaster vacancy in addition to declining postal needs in the community. Regular and effective service can be provided to the customers with the rural carrier out of Paris, IL which already provides service to the surrounding area. There are also four retail offices within 10 miles of the Redmon Post Office

The Redmon Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday and lobby hours of 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday - Friday and 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday to 100 post office box or general delivery customers and no delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged four transaction(s) accounting for four minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$9,955 (26 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$9,719 (25 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$12,202 (32 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On May 06, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at the Redmon Post Office to answer questions and provide information to customers. 22 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 25, 2011, 110 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Redmon Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Redmon Post Office. 54 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 3 favorable, 21 unfavorable, and 30 expressed no opinion.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Paris Post Office, an EAS-20 level office. Window service hours at the Paris Post Office are from 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. There are 257 post office boxes available.

Retail service is also available at the Brocton Post Office an EAS-11 level office, located six miles away. Window service hours at Brocton Post Office are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday. There are 84 post office boxes available for rent.

The proposal to close the Redmon Post Office was posted with an invitation for comment at the Redmon Post Office, Brocton Post Office and Paris Post Office from May 20, 2011 to July 21, 2011. The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

Response: The customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.
2. **Concern:** Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained

Response: The customer asked why the suspended post office was being discontinued while others were retained. Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.
3. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern about collection of outgoing mail

- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the collection of outgoing mail. Collection of mail will be made by the carrier when serving the route. The customer should raise the flag on the mailbox to alert the carrier that outgoing mail is to be collected from the mailbox.
4. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox
- Response:** The customer expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox. Customers are not required to erect rural mailboxes. Customers may apply to receive PO Box service from another Post Office location.
5. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the Communities' identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Post Office name in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.
6. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and provide services to their customers.
7. **Concern:** Customers inquired about mailbox installation and maintenance
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about mailbox installation and maintenance. If curbside delivery is established, customers are responsible for mailbox installation and maintenance. Mailboxes must be placed so that they may be safely and conveniently served by the carrier and must be located on the right-hand side of the road in the direction of the carrier's travel. Mailbox supports should conform to state laws and highway regulations. The Postal Service recommends that customers contact the administrative postmaster or carrier for advice on placement of mailboxes and mailbox height and supports.
8. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about delivery time. A customer's location on a carrier's line of travel determines the time of day mail is delivered. This, of course, precludes providing early delivery of mail to every customer because, no matter how we structure a route, somebody must be last. We do, however, carefully consider the volume of mail for each route so that we can deliver the greatest amount of mail at the earliest possible hour. With the largest fleet of delivery vehicles in the world we must pay special attention to energy conservation measures, to minimize vehicle and fuel expenses. When the price of gasoline goes up one cent per gallon our total gasoline cost rises more than \$8 million. Therefore, when structuring a route, we must balance our goal to deliver as much mail as possible as early as possible with the need to minimize the travel distance a route must cover.
9. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the security of mail. Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

10. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels. If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the administrative Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office or request redelivery on another day by going online to usps.com or calling 1-800-ASK-USPS.
11. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining the stamps requested
- Response:** The customer were concerned about obtaining specific stamps. Retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Stamps by mail, or a Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. .
- Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately. Customers who are looking for even greater selection are invited to visit www.usps.com or contact 1-800-STAMP-24.
12. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
13. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the limited hours of operation at the post office
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the limited hours of operation at the post office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue. If workload increases, hours may increase as well.
14. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the limited hours of operation at the post office
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the limited hours of operation at the post office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue. If workload increases, hours may increase as well. The CPO will provide at least the same number of window service hours as the post office.
15. **Concern:** You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience along with various special services.

16. **Concern:** You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.
17. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of address
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address (if they do not already have one). The new address will continue to use the community name. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available online at www.usps.com from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural and contract carriers may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Redmon is an unincorporated community located in Edgar County. The community is administered politically by the village board. Police protection is provided by the Edgar County Sheriff Department. Fire protection is provided by the Remon Fire Department. The community is comprised of retirees, farmers and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Redmon Christian Church, Redmon Waterworks, Buck Township, Down Home Creations, Reliable Plumbing, Englum Grain Co. Inc., Edgar County New Vision Parish, B & B Pumping, Redmon Pit Stop, and Terry Ingram Recycling. Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Redmon Post Office will be available at the Paris Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Paris Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the Communities' identity. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Post Office name in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity.
- Response:** A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Community name and ZIP Code in addresses.
3. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to Post Office to pick up their mail
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to the post office to pick up their mail. Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster.
4. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the security of mail. Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.
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- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.
7. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about the loss of the community bulletin board at the Post Office.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the loss of the community bulletin board at the Post Office. Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at any residence or location in the town that is convenient.
8. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows or farm equipment. Please contact the administrative postmaster to determine the proper mailbox location and installation method that would help alleviate this concern. Placing the mailbox on a long, swinging, horizontal pipe is one method often used to avoid damage by snowplows.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on May 01, 2010. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 37,630 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 33,168
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 11,111
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 6,100</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 50,379
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 12,749</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 37,630</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

This is the final determination to close the Redmon, IL Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Paris Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster retired on May 01, 2010. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. The mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Redmon Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 100 PO Box or general delivery customers and no delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged four. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$37,630 annually. A disadvantage to some will be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. **Support Materials.** Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Redmon Post Office , Brocton Post Office and Paris Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. **Appeal Rights.** This final determination to close the Redmon Post Office may be appealed by any person served by that office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001. Appeals must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date this final determination is posted. If an appeal is filed, copies of appeal documents prepared by the Postal Regulatory Commission or the parties to the appeal will be made available for public inspection at Redmon Post Office , Brocton Post Office and Paris Post Office during normal office hours.



Dean J Granholm
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

08/22/2011

Date



I am appealing the decision made by the United States Postal Service to close the Redmon Post Office on 8/24/2011. This would be a hardship for me for the following reasons:

I cannot put up a rural box by myself

I cannot afford to put up a rural box

I like my mail coming early in the morning

I like my mail being secure and close by for retrieval

I like being able to mail my parcels at a close facility here in town

I like having my parcels weighed and rated without any guessing

I like being able to buy stamps at a close facility here in town

I don't want to have to shovel a sidewalk free of snow to get to a rural box

I like being able to have others pick up my mail for me

It would be a hardship to have to go out to a rural box in bad weather

I am disabled and cannot get out to a rural box

Other reasons:

It is a place for sharing local and public information.
It keeps mail secure if you are unable to pickup daily.
It keeps parcels safe and dry.
It will be an inconvenience to go to another town to pickup
large packages too large for rural box.

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closing the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name John & Suella Dye John & Suella Dye
Address 405 N 3rd, P.O. Box 76 Redmon FL

EXHIBIT 2 A

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Sincerely;

Name Linda & Dave Marshall

Address 106 EAST Street P.O. Box 153

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Other reasons:

My old vehicle ~~gets~~ GETS 10 M.P.G. 19 mile Round TRIP TO ANOTHER POST OFFICE FOR SERVICE REPRESENTS ROUGHLY 8.00 FOR GAS ALONE PLUS WARE & TEAR I HAVE LIMITED INCOME I CANNOT AFFORD 40.00 A WEEK TO GET MY MAIL OR EVEN 4.00 A WEEK.

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Sincerely;

Name Jerry and Charlene Walton
Address PO Box 278 Redmon IL 61949

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Sincerely;

Name

Address

Paula Smith
201 Hickory St Redmon IL
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Other reasons:

ALL OF ABOVE

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Sincerely;

Name 

Address Englem GRAIN 301 OAK ST. REDMON, ILL 61944

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Other reasons:

Because I know my mail is safe
and no one can get to it to see
what we have or steal anything

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Sincerely;

Name Justin Fleming, and Family
Address 101 First St. Redmon, Ill.
61949

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Sincerely; Richard L. Monte

Name RICHARD L. Monte

Address 205 Hickory St SE

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Name Condore H. Sutton
Address Box 3 Redmon, W 61949

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Sincerely;

Name Henry Helms Sr.

Address 501 OAK ST.

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Other reasons:

NO PLACE TO PUT RURAL BOX ON MY PROPERTY

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Sincerely;

Name Jim & Tina Cooper

Address 103 maple street Redmon, WI

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Name Dolores Finley
Address 401 Springfield St. Box 164 Redmon, VA

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Name Benneth A. McCaskey Sr.

Address 101 East St Redmon Va.

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Sincerely;

Name Crystal Blair, Larry Blair
Address P. O. Box 203 Redmon, IL 61949

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Other reasons:

I mail packages overseas to Japan
I don't want to drive 200 miles
round trip to weigh them & get
postage. Plus all of my bills & correspondence
have my P.O. box on them. I don't want to
go through the trouble of changing them.

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Sincerely;

Name LYNDA EARL
Address P.O. Box 55 Redmon, Ill. 61949

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Other reasons:

I like having a post office close & post efficient. The gas will be a burden for me.

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Sincerely;

Name Tim Albert

Address P.O. Box 23 Redmon FL

61949

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Name Shirley A. Jones
Address P.O. Box 223 105 6th St Redmon

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Other reasons:

all of above

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Name Redmon Christian Church, Dale English
Address Box 121

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Address PO Box 99

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Other reasons:

LITTLE TOWNS DRY UP SO FAST
WE NEED TO KEEP WHAT WE GOT
AS LONG AS WE CAN

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Name Alva D Hood

Address 105 EAST ST REDMON 122
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Other reasons:

JUST THIS MORNING (9-6-11) I TOOK 2
FREEING CARDS TO THE POST OFFICE
WHICH REQUIRED EXTRA POSTAGE - WHICH I
DIDN'T KNOW HOW MUCH.

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Sincerely;

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James R. Harvin

Address

P.O. BOX 276 - 102 2ND ST. REDMON ILL 61949

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Name Betty L. McSinnas

Address 503 Maple St; P.O. Box 256, Redmon, Ill. 61949

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Name Rebecca Newcomer

Address 302 Second Street Redmon, IL 61949

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Address 503 Maple Bop le6 Redmon ill

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Other reasons:

people/kids can steal mail easier in unprotected boxes that just sit outside!!

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Sincerely;

Name

Tammy Dye

Address

P.O. Box 224 Redmon, FL, 01949

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Other reasons:

I like having my mail in a P.O. box so no one else can get to it. With a mail box out front anyone can go through your mail.

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Name Jack & Virginia Melam
Address 200 6th St Bealmon

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Address Box 205, Redmon, IL 61949

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Other reasons:

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is in another part of Redmon.

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Name Edgar Cty New Vision Parish

Address Box 277, Redmon, IL 61949

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Other reasons:

I appreciated the opportunity to open a trust so that the other village board members could easily mail items & not have to pay from their accounts. I am ~~also~~ not

sure how ^{own} severe my mail will be in a box somewhere in our village.

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name Village of Redmon Treasurer
Address Box 215 + 33, Redmon, IL 61949

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Other reasons:

My Rural Box would have to be located on a very busy highway it would be very dangerous. I am sure a mail carrier would not be allowed to pull in my drive.

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closing the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name Jean Hugg

Address 6523 72 HWY, 133, PARIS, TN. 61944 - (PHYSICAL ADDRESS)

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Name David & Grace North
Address P.O. Box 307 Redmon, IL 61949

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Other reasons:

It is the little heart of our town - We
see each other there - one of the joys to have
contact with neighbors & friends
I do value this - besides the services -

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Sincerely;

Name Ms Teresa Bach

Address 204 6th St Redmon IA 61949

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Other reasons:

Leave boxes where they are to much risk with
kids vandalsim tearing things up.

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Sincerely;

Name

Zach Walton

Address

Box 141 Redmon IL 61949

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Other reasons: *Shutting down this building would be stupid.....*

*Leave Boxes in building - Do to kids
Vandalism Mail would be safer*

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Sincerely;

Name B. RYAN WALTON

Address Po Box 162, REDMON, IL 61949

I am appealing the decision made by the United States Postal Service to close the Redmon Post Office on 8/24/2011. This would be a hardship for me for the following reasons:

I cannot put up a rural box by myself

I cannot afford to put up a rural box

I like my mail coming early in the morning

I like my mail being secure and close by for retrieval

I like being able to mail my parcels at a close facility here in town

I like having my parcels weighed and rated without any guessing

I like being able to buy stamps at a close facility here in town

I don't want to have to shovel a sidewalk free of snow to get to a rural box

I like being able to have others pick up my mail for me

It would be a hardship to have to go out to a rural box in bad weather

I am disabled and cannot get out to a rural box

Other reasons:

Since we already have building
with the boxes why not continue
to use them.

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closing the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name

Shawn Webb

Address

PO Box 172 Redmon IL 61949

2-HH

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Other reasons:

Another way of destroying the small town.

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closing the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name Kenneth L. Powell

Address 401 51st St Box 127
Redmon Ill 61949

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Other reasons:

The Post Office in Paris is not open when I am able to go there on my lunch hour.
The Paris Post Office should be open during lunch times 11 - 1:00 P.M.

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closing the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name Valerie Carrington

Address P.O. Box 54 Redmon FL 61949

2-JJ

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Other reasons:

As a fire dept, we do not go everyday to get our mail. If the post office closed and we had a mailbox someone would have to make a special trip everyday to get it.

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closing the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name Redmon Fire Station
Address PO Box 201 Redmon

2-KK

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I am disabled and cannot get out to a rural box

Other reasons:

In a small town individual mailboxes = people having mail stolen.

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Sincerely;

Name Thad Cary
Address PO BOX 157 Redmon

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Other reasons:

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Sincerely;

Name Bill Bayes
Address Box 182 Redmon IL 61949

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Other reasons:

*Paris post office is out of my way when in town.
Brocton post office is too far North don't travel that way.*

*Redmon post office is so convenient and keeping up with
community + news.*

For the above circled reasons I am protesting the closing the closure of the Redmon Post Office and would like to have the USPS decision reversed.

Sincerely;

Name GARY + RAMONA ARCHER
Address P.O. Box 143, Redmon, IL

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Other reasons:

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Sincerely;

Name Jean McConkey
Address 201 6th St Redmon, IL 61949



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE® PO Boxes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- (5) A if annual payment; S if semi-annual payment
 - (6) 2 Keys (mandatory)
 - (7) number of additional keys (if appropriate)
 - s. Press spacebar or use the mouse to click for lock fee (if lock changed).
 - t. Press the **Enter** key OR click **Save** |
10. **Q. Is a customer who resides on a road where there is no extended delivery eligible for a Group E PO Box (for example, .25 miles from the carrier line of travel)?**
A. If a customer requests delivery, but we do not extend the service, the customer may either install a rural-type mail box on the carrier's line of travel in a location specified by the Postmaster or obtain Group E PO Box service. If the customer chooses to install a rural-type mailbox, the Group E PO Box is not an option.
11. **Q. Is a customer who resides on a road where we have not extended delivery eligible for a Group E PO Box (for example, 1.25 miles from the carrier line of travel)?**
A. Yes, the customer is eligible for a Group E PO Box. However, because the distance to and from the delivery location is more than one mile (including retrace), the customer is not eligible for an extension unless other neighboring customers request delivery. This customer may install a rural-type mail box on the carrier's line of travel in a location specified by the Postmaster in lieu of the Group E Box service.
12. **Q. Is a customer who lives in a ZIP Code designated area that does not receive delivery service eligible for a Group E Box?**
A. Yes. The customer qualifies for Group E PO Box service since his or her ZIP Code area does not receive delivery service.
13. **Q. If a customer who lives in a ZIP Code designated area that does not receive delivery service resides on a road traveled by a carrier from another nearby town, can he or she request mail delivery?**
A. Yes. The customer may install a rural-type mail box on the carrier's line of travel in a location specified by the Postmaster. The Postmaster must approve the request; however, the customer must contact the local 911 emergency center (state or county) to request an address adjustment. Once that is complete, the customer's mail can be delivered. If the customer uses street delivery, the Group E PO Box is no longer an option. **A customer should never be forced to accept this method of delivery. It is the customer choice.**
- Example:** George Jones lives in a ZIP Code area with no delivery service but he receives mail from a different delivery Post Office because his house is on a road traveled by a carrier from the other Post Office. The other ZIP Code area is now his official mailing address. He no longer qualifies for a No-fee PO Box. He can, however, pay for a PO Box at any post office.
14. **Q. Referring to FAQ 13, If the customer elected to receive street deliver via the carrier from the nearby town and moves out, is the new customer who moves into the residence disqualified from receiving a Group E PO Box?**
A. No. The new customer must also make the choice of receiving a Group E PO Box or receiving delivery from the nearby town. **This customer should not be force to receive street delivery. It is the customer's option.**
15. **Q. Is a customer who resides in a development of townhouses, single family homes, or apartments eligible for a Group E PO Box if all residents are served by a bank of mail boxes at the development entrance (NDCBUs, CBUs or apartment-style mail boxes)?**
A. No.

**THE POST OFFICE
MAKING A DETERMINATION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE AND/OR
CONSOLIDATE A POST OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER:**

TITLE 39, SECTION 4C4(b)(2)

- A. The effect of such closing and/or consolidation on the community served by such post office.
- B. The effect of such closing and/or consolidation on employees of the US Postal Service employed as such office.
- C. Whether such closing and/or consolidation is consistent with the policy of the government, as stated in Section 101(b) of the Title, that the US Postal Service shall provide a maximum degree effective and regular postal services to rural areas, communities and small towns where offices are not self-sustaining.
- D. The economic savings to the US Postal Service resulting from such closing and/or consolidation; and
- E. Such other factors as the US Postal Service determines are necessary.

Any determination of the US Postal Service to close/consolidate a post office shall be in writing and shall include the findings of the US Postal Service with respect to the considerations required to be made under paragraph (2) of this subsection such determination and finding shall be made available to persons served by such post office.

HOT TOPIC ITEMS FOR LOCAL NEWSPAPER (such as county newspapers) ARTICLES

***NOTE: All capitalization of comments in the information below was done by Keva Richardson to emphasize points.

Current legislation being considered:

Senate bill S. 3831 would ELIMINATE the current restriction against the USPS closing thousands of small and rural post offices SOLELY DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS. This bill would also ELIMINATE the USPS requirement to consider the IMPACT on the community.

Current laws as specified in Title 39 of the United States Code ALREADY permits the USPS to close post offices and other postal facilities. 4770 post offices have been closed since 1970 under current law – WHY DOES IT NEED CHANGED? (Keva personal thought: Maybe so the USPS could close hundreds or thousands of small and rural post offices at one time in stead of one at a time??)

The current law provides SOME protection to small town and rural communities as they have a process in place to PROTEST the closing giving community specific objections. Under ANY NEW LAW WITHOUT THE USPS BEING REQUIRED to consider the impact on EACH COMMUNITY WITH THAT COMMUNITY AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO ANSWER COMMUNITY QUESTIONS, the USPS would simply have the leeway to close post office without ANY community input.

Current law provides wide latitude (as you've seen in our state) for the USPS to close, suspend service, and/or close retail and processing facilities in urban and suburban locations.

Small and rural Post Offices are the most vulnerable AND the most postal-dependent communities.

In your article, name SPECIFIC surrounding communities where the USPS has CLOSED, SUSPENDED SERVICE, OR CONSOLIDATED the post office.

Pew Research Center Survey of April 2010 shows 83% of the American public view the USPS favorably.

A March 2010 Gallup poll shows 86% of the American public OPPOSES closing Post Offices.

Post Offices don't only sell stamps, they serve as distribution points for all mail and parcels and money orders and many other products and services.

Many, many small and rural community CUSTOMERS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS OR COMPUTER GENERATED POSTAGE.

SMALL AND RURAL POST OFFICE CLOSINGS WILL NOT GENERATE SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS TO THE USPS. According to the Postal Regulatory Commission, CLOSING ALL SMALL AND RURAL POST OFFICES WOULD SAVE ONLY seven tenths (.07) of one percent (1.0) of the USPS operating budget.

A September 2010 audit by the Office of Inspector General states the USPS should CONSOLIDATE ITS OWN MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE, INCLUDING CONSOLIDATION AND ELIMINATION OF BOTH AREA AND DISTRICT OFFICES. The USPS maintains (which may or may not include rent, building upkeep, utilities, salaries, and so on) eight (8) Area offices and 74 District Offices (hmmm, let see, we have only 50 states!!) Does the District Office which "oversees" your post office sort your mail, put it in your mailbox, cancel your outgoing mail and parcels, and sell you stamps or other products? The answer is NO, they do not. Therefore the question becomes, "Why does the USPS need 74 District Offices?"

Area and District Offices cost the USPS (and you the customer paying for products and services) about \$1.5 billion, three times as much as maintaining ALL small and rural post offices.

According to the Postal Inspector General, closing and consolidating a nominal number of areas and districts could save approximately \$894 Million over the next decade WITHOUT IMPACTING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Signs your Post Office is vulnerable to closing EVEN UNDER CURRENT LAW: No full time Postmaster - Building maintenance neglected - Lease coming up for renewal - Damage due to fire or other natural causes

The USPS is talking about "alternative retail outlets" such as in major chain stores. These are NO substitute for a rural or small town Post Office because: They can be closed without any community notification or input – there is NO accountability – there are NO post office boxes – it is NOT a full service postal facility like your current post office – there is NO mail security

URGE YOUR ARTICLE READERS TO CONTACT THEIR RESPECTIVE SENATORS AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON D.C. (via the readers closest office in Iowa for both Senators and the respective Representative) REQUESTING HE/SHE OPPOSE ANY CHANGES THAT JEOPARDIZE SMALL AND RURAL POST OFFICES.

You do not have to use ALL the items shown on this page in your newspaper article. Write your article specific to the area your local newspaper covers. Bob Levi specifically stated he would like the articles to be sent to your local county or community newspapers, not the bigger city dailies. He also asked the articles be sent to the papers BEFORE election in November to gain the most impact for incumbents and those vying for an office to hear your voice and know where you stand on this issue.

Postal Questions to Ponder

Question: How much U.S. taxpayer dollars pays for U.S. postal operations?

Answer: Zero. The Postal Service operates on postage-generated revenue, not tax dollars. Ironically, the Postal Service is used as an ATM by the Federal government. Two independent actuarial evaluations concluded that the government overcharged the Postal Service \$50-75 billion for pension expenses

Question: What is the cost of maintaining all small and rural Post Service in the United States?

Answer: 0.7% of the U.S. Postal Service's operating budget. If the Congress or the Postal Service closed every small town and rural Post Office in the country, the savings would hardly make a scratch in the Postal Service's operating budget.

Question: How many Americans support closing Post Offices?

Answer: According to a recent U.S. Gallup poll, 86% of the American public opposes closing Post Offices.

Question: What is the value of your community Post Office?

Answer: Priceless. Your Post Office is an economic and social anchor to the community, which facilitates commerce and communication.

Title 39: Postal Service

PART 3001—RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Subpart H—Rules Applicable to Appeals of Postal Service Determinations To Close or Consolidate Post Offices

Source: 42 FR 10993, Feb. 25, 1977, unless otherwise noted.

§ 3001.110 Applicability.

Rules in this subpart govern the procedure regarding the appeal of a determination of the Postal Service to close or consolidate a post office by patrons of the post office in question. Pursuant to section 404(b) of the Act any decision to close or consolidate a post office must be preceded by 60 days notice to persons served by such post office, the opportunity for such persons to present their views, and a written determination based upon consideration of each of the factors listed in section 404(b)(2) of the Act. This notice must include a provision stating that, pursuant to Pub. L. 94-421, a final Postal Service determination to close or consolidate a post office may be appealed to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001, within 30 days after the issuance of a written determination by the Postal Service. The rules of general applicability in subpart A of this part, which do not relate solely to evidentiary proceedings on the record, are also applicable to proceedings subject to this subpart.

[36 FR 396, Jan. 12, 1971, as amended at 58 FR 38977, July 21, 1993]

§ 3001.111 Initiation of review proceedings.

(a) *Petition for review.* Review of a determination of the Postal Service to close or consolidate a post office shall be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Secretary of this Commission. Such petition must be received by the Commission within 30 days after the Service has made available to persons served by that post office the written determination to close or consolidate required by 39 U.S.C. 404(b) (3) through (4). The petition shall specify the parties seeking review, all of whom must be persons served by the post office proposed to be closed or consolidated and shall identify the Postal Service as respondent. The Commission encourages parties seeking review to attach a copy of the Postal Service written determination, as the appeal process is thereby expedited. If two or more persons are entitled to petition for review of the same determination and their interests are such as to make joinder practicable, they may file a joint petition for review and may thereafter proceed as a single petitioner.

(b) *Intervention.* A person served by the post office to be closed or consolidated pursuant to the Postal Service written determination under review who desires to intervene in the proceeding, or any other interested person, or any counsel, agent or other person authorized or recognized by the Postal Service as such interested person's representative or the representative of such interested person's recognized group, such as Postmasters, shall file with the Secretary of the Commission and serve upon all parties a notice of intervention in a form prescribed by §3001.20. The notice shall contain a concise statement of the interest of the moving party and the grounds upon which intervention is sought. A notice of intervention shall be filed within 25 days of the date on which the notice for review is filed. The provisions of §3001.20 (c) through (f) of Subpart A of this part shall apply to notices of intervention in review proceedings.

[48 FR 33707, July 25, 1983, as amended at 58 FR 38977, July 21, 1993]

§ 3001.112 The record on review.

The written determination sought to be reviewed or enforced, the conclusions and findings upon which it must be based under section 404(b)(3) of the Act, the notices to local patrons and the evidence contained in the entire administrative record before the Postal Service shall constitute the record on review. The record shall contain all

evidence considered by the Postal Service in making its determination and shall contain no evidence not previously considered by the Postal Service.

§ 3001.113 Filing of the record.

(a) *Time for filing of the record by the Postal Service.* The Postal Service shall file the record with the Secretary of the Commission within 15 days after the date on which the petition for review is filed with the Commission. The Commission may shorten or extend the time prescribed above. The Secretary shall give notice to all parties of the date on which the record is filed.

(b) *Composition of the filing.* The Postal Service may file the entire record or such parts thereof as the parties may designate by stipulation filed with the Postal Service. The original papers in the Postal Service proceeding or certified copies thereof may be filed. All parts of the record retained by the Postal Service shall be a part of the record on review for all purposes.

§ 3001.114 Suspension pending review.

(a) *Application.* Application for suspension of a determination of the Postal Service to close or consolidate any post office pending the outcome of an appeal to the Postal Regulatory Commission shall be made at the time of the filing of a petition for review or of the filing of a notice of intervention in an extant appellate proceeding. The application shall show the reasons for the relief requested and the facts relied upon, and if the facts are subject to dispute the application shall be supported by affidavits or other sworn statements or copies thereof. The applicant must be a person served by the affected post office. Immediate notice of the application shall be given to all parties to the proceeding. The application shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

(b) *Answer and filing of the relevant record by the U.S. Postal Service.* Within 10 days after the application for suspension is filed, the Postal Service shall file with the Secretary of the Commission and serve on the petitioners an answer to the application supported by affidavits or other sworn statements or copies thereof. The Postal Service, within 10 days from the date of filing of the application, shall file with the Secretary such parts of the record as are relevant to the relief sought.

[36 FR 396, Jan. 12, 1971, as amended at 58 FR 38977, July 21, 1993]

§ 3001.115 Participant statement or brief.

(a) *Participant statement.* Upon the filing of the petition for review of a decision to close or consolidate a post office, the Secretary shall furnish the petitioner with a copy of PRC Form 61, a form designed to permit the appellant to make a concise statement of his/her arguments in support of the petition and the instructions regarding its use. In addition to eliciting this information, the instructions for Form 61 shall provide: (1) Notification that, if the appellant prefers, he or she may file a brief as described in paragraph (b) of this section presenting the arguments, in lieu of completing PRC Form 61; (2) a concise explanation of the purpose of the form; and (3) notification that the completed form, or a brief as described in paragraph (b) of this section, in lieu thereof, must be filed with the Commission not more than 35 days following the date of filing of the petition (which date shall be set forth, as it appears in the Commission's records).

(b) *Appellant's initial brief.* The initial brief of the appellant shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on all parties 35 days after the filing of the petition for review of a decision to close or consolidate a post office. The brief will be limited in length to 30 pages, typewritten and double spaced, and shall include the following in the order indicated:

- (1) A subject index with page references, and a list of all cases and authorities relied upon, arranged alphabetically, with references to the pages where the citation appears (which need not be included in the page count);
- (2) A concise statement of the case from the viewpoint of the filing participant;
- (3) A clear, concise and definitive statement of the position of the author as to the merits of the determination under review;

(4) A discussion of the evidence, reasons, and authorities relied upon with exact references to the record and the authorities; and

(5) Proposed holding with appropriate references to the record or the prior discussion of the evidence and authorities relied upon, and to the appellate criteria of section 404(b)(5) of the Act.

Briefs before the Commission shall be completely self-contained and shall not incorporate by reference any portion of any other brief, pleading or document. Testimony and exhibits shall not be quoted or included in briefs except for short excerpts pertinent to the argument presented.

(c) *Answering brief of the Postal Service.* The answering brief of the Postal Service shall be filed 20 days after the date designated for filing of the appellant's brief and shall follow the format detailed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) *Reply by appellant.* The appellant may file a written response to the brief of the Postal Service 15 days after the date designated for filing of that brief, which shall be strictly limited in content to reply to arguments made by the Postal Service. If presented as a brief, such reply brief shall conform to the format detailed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(e) *Intervenor statements or briefs.* An intervenor shall file its brief within the time allowed for initial and reply, or answering, briefs, as appropriate. The Secretary shall furnish to each intervenor a copy of PRC Form 61 as soon as intervenor status is granted. If the intervenor chooses to file a brief, the brief shall follow the format detailed in paragraph (b) of this section.

[42 FR 10993, Feb. 25, 1977, as amended at 48 FR 33707, July 25, 1983; 58 FR 38976, 38977, July 21, 1993]

§ 3001.116 Oral argument.

Oral argument will be held in these appeal cases only when a party has made a showing that, owing to unusual circumstances, oral argument is a necessary addition to the written filings. Any request for oral argument shall be filed within 7 days of the date on which reply briefs are due. If a request for oral argument is granted, it will be held at the Postal Regulatory Commission's offices at 901 New York Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268-0001.

[48 FR 33708, July 25, 1983, as amended at 58 FR 38977, July 21, 1993]

§ 3001.117 Posting of documents by Postal Service for inspection by affected postal patrons.

In all proceedings conducted pursuant to this subpart H, the Postal Service shall cause to be displayed prominently, in the post office or offices serving the patrons affected by the determination to close or consolidate a post office which is under review, a copy of the service list and all pleadings, notices, orders, briefs and opinions filed in such proceedings. Failure by the Postal Service to display prominently any such document shall be deemed sufficient reason to suspend the effectiveness of the Postal Service determination under review until final disposition of the appeal.

[42 FR 10993, Feb. 25, 1977. Redesignated at 48 FR 33708, July 25, 1983]

A Rural Letter Carrier's Salary

By Jonathan Lister, eHow Contributor updated June 07, 2011

Rural letter carriers deliver mail to areas of the county where no official United States Postal Service delivery route exists. These carriers have different labor representation than regular postal workers and, as such, have different contract negotiations and salary demands. The salary for rural letter carriers is set on a national level and varies only by experience and working hours.

National Labor Union

The National Rural Letter Carrier's Association represents the interests of all rural letters carriers working with the United States Postal Service. This labor union negotiates wages for rural letter carriers separately from the National Association of Letter Carriers, which negotiates labor agreements with the USPS for uniformed letter carriers. As a result, the salaries for rural letter carriers are different from those for uniformed letter carriers as are the working conditions, equipment provided to the job and hours of employment.

Basic Annual Rates

Total working hours and years of experience determine the annual salary for a rural letter carrier. As of 2009, the annual salary for a rural letter carrier working a 12-hour per week schedule with one year of experience was \$14,330. Salary increases on a sliding scale as the carrier earns more experience and takes on more hours at work. For example, a rural letter carrier working a full 48 hours per week with two years of experience earned an annual salary of \$62,617, as of 2009.

Rural Carrier Relief

Part-time employees working as rural letter carriers earn an hourly wage depending on the date of hire. As of February 2011, rural letter carriers working in relief earned an hourly rate of \$19.45 if hired on or after August 24, 1991 or an hourly wage of \$22.97 if hired before that date. This new hourly wage is the result of national labor negotiations between The United States Postal Service and the National Rural Letter Carrier's Association.

Equipment Maintenance Allowance

http://www.ehow.com/info_8556929_rural-letter-carriers-salary.ht... 9/9/2011

EXHIBIT 6

A rural mail carrier must provide his own vehicle when delivering mail. To compensate the rural carrier, the USPS provides an equipment maintenance allowance to help pay for repair and upkeep costs the vehicle requires as a result of delivering mail. As of April 9, 2011, the equipment maintenance allowance for a rural letter carrier is \$0.67 per mile or a minimum of \$26.80 per day of work, whichever is greater. An employee providing auxiliary assistance as a rural carrier has an equipment maintenance allowance of \$0.67 per mile or \$7.30 per hour, whichever is the greater amount.

References

Florida Rural Letter Carrier's Association: Rural Carrier Evaluated Schedule

National Association of Letter Carriers: Career Information

Florida Rural Letter Carrier's Association: Equipment Maintenance Allowance



08/23/2011

Postal Customer
BROCTON, IL 61917

This letter provides notice that the U.S. Postal Service is conducting a discontinuance feasibility study of facility operations at the Brocton Post Office into the Redmon Post Office.

The office is being studied due to declining office workload, which may indicate that maintaining this facility is not warranted. Over the past several years, this office has experienced a steady decline in revenue and/or volume. .

A discontinuance feasibility study involves a review of delivery and retail operations of a postal facility. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the facility's operations in a continuing effort to meet customers' retail needs, improve productivity, increase efficiency, and cut costs.

Customer needs have changed dramatically. Many customers receive and pay their bills online and communicate by email and text message. In addition, many customers demand easier, more convenient access to Postal Service products and services when and where they want them – online, on their smart phones and at the stores they frequent.

If a decision is ultimately made to discontinue the Brocton Post Office and you are a Post Office Box customer, you will have the option of Post Office Box delivery at the Redmon Post Office. To request delivery, submit a request for establishment of rural delivery service, PS Form 4027, Petition for Change in Rural Delivery, is available at the Brocton Post Office. The Redmon Post Office has retail hours from 845 to 1230 - 1300 to 1600 Monday through Friday and 800 to 1100 on Saturday, which is 9.6 miles away.

Retail services would continue to be available through a variety of channels beyond traditional brick-and-mortar facilities, such as the www.usps.com website, non-city delivery carriers, stamp consignment locations , and Stamps by Mail, Fax, and Phone.

We value your opinions during this review process. As the Postal Manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your input concerning your postal needs. We encourage you to complete and return the enclosed survey in the pre-addressed postage-paid envelope provided. Your responses along with others received, will be included in the study and considered carefully before any final determination regarding discontinuance is made. Please submit your response no later than 09/12/2011.

A community meeting will be held to explain the study findings and to address community concerns. Postal representatives will be at the Brocton Post Office on 09/08/2011 from 9:30 to 10:30 to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

Written comments may be hand-delivered to the Brocton Post Office or mailed to:

District Discontinuance Coordinator
GATEWAY PFC
1720 Market St Room 3000
Saint Louis MO, 63155-9900

The study consists of a publicly available record, so please be advised that any information or responses that you furnish will be visible to others.

A proposal that further explains the nature and justification of the proposed change in service and requests for customer comment may be posted prior to the community meeting. Comments received from the questionnaire, community meeting, and proposal will be considered prior to making a final determination.

If you have any questions concerning this discontinuance feasibility study, please contact Sue Wandersee, District Discontinuance Coordinator Contact at (314) 436-3645.

Sincerely,

Michael Pfundstein
Manager, Post Office Operations

Enclosures:
Customer Survey/Pre-addressed postage-paid envelope
Summary of Postal Service Retail Facility Change Regulations

EXHIBIT 7



08/23/2011

Postal Customer
HUME, IL 61932

This letter provides notice that the U.S. Postal Service is conducting a discontinuance feasibility study of facility operations at the Hume Post Office into the Newman Post Office.

The office is being studied due to declining office workload, which may indicate that maintaining this facility is not warranted. Over the past several years, this office has experienced a steady decline in revenue and/or volume. There are a number of alternate sites within a short radius of this office to provide the sales of stamps and the mailing of most package items.

A discontinuance feasibility study involves a review of delivery and retail operations of a postal facility. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the facility's operations in a continuing effort to meet customers' retail needs, improve productivity, increase efficiency, and cut costs.

Customer needs have changed dramatically. Many customers receive and pay their bills online and communicate by email and text message. In addition, many customers demand easier, more convenient access to Postal Service products and services when and where they want them – online, on their smart phones and at the stores they frequent.

If a decision is ultimately made to discontinue the Hume Post Office and you are a Post Office Box customer, you will have the option of Post Office Box delivery at the Newman Post Office. To request delivery, submit a request for establishment of rural delivery service, PS Form 4027, Petition for Change in Rural Delivery, is available at the Hume Post Office. The Newman Post Office has retail hours from 830 to 1130 - 1230 to 1600 Monday through Friday and 830 to 1030 on Saturday, which is 6.9 miles away.

Retail services would continue to be available through a variety of channels beyond traditional brick-and-mortar facilities, such as the www.usps.com website, non-city delivery carriers, stamp consignment locations, and Stamps by Mail, Fax, and Phone.

We value your opinions during this review process. As the Postal Manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your input concerning your postal needs. We encourage you to complete and return the enclosed survey in the pre-addressed postage-paid envelope provided. Your responses along with others received, will be included in the study and considered carefully before any final determination regarding discontinuance is made. Please submit your response no later than 09/12/2011.

A community meeting will be held to explain the study findings and to address community concerns. Postal representatives will be at the Hume Post Office on 09/08/2011 from 1:30 to 2:30 to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

Written comments may be hand-delivered to the Hume Post Office or mailed to:

District Discontinuance Coordinator
GATEWAY PFC
1720 Market St Room 3000
Saint Louis MO, 63155-9900

The study consists of a publicly available record, so please be advised that any information or responses that you furnish will be visible to others.

A proposal that further explains the nature and justification of the proposed change in service and requests for customer comment may be posted prior to the community meeting. Comments received from the questionnaire, community meeting, and proposal will be considered prior to making a final determination.

If you have any questions concerning this discontinuance feasibility study, please contact Sue Wandersee, District Discontinuance Coordinator Contact at (314) 436-3645.

Sincerely,

Michael Pfundstein
Manager, Post Office Operations

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Summary of Postal Service Retail Facility Change Regulations

EXHIBIT 7A



08/23/2011

Postal Customer
METCALF, IL 61940

This letter provides notice that the U.S. Postal Service is conducting a discontinuance feasibility study of facility operations at the Metcalf Post Office into the Hume Post Office.

The office is being studied due to declining office workload, which may indicate that maintaining this facility is not warranted. Over the past several years, this office has experienced a steady decline in revenue and/or volume. There are a number of alternate sites within a short radius of this office to provide the sales of stamps and the mailing of most package items..

A discontinuance feasibility study involves a review of delivery and retail operations of a postal facility. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the facility's operations in a continuing effort to meet customers' retail needs, improve productivity, increase efficiency, and cut costs.

Customer needs have changed dramatically. Many customers receive and pay their bills online and communicate by email and text message. In addition, many customers demand easier, more convenient access to Postal Service products and services when and where they want them – online, on their smart phones and at the stores they frequent.

If a decision is ultimately made to discontinue the Metcalf Post Office and you are a Post Office Box customer, you will have the option of Post Office Box delivery at the Hume Post Office. To request delivery, submit a request for establishment of rural delivery service, PS Form 4027, Petition for Change in Rural Delivery, is available at the Metcalf Post Office. The Hume Post Office has retail hours from 830 to 1230 - 1300 to 1600 Monday through Friday and 830 to 1030 on Saturday, which is 4.5 miles away.

Retail services would continue to be available through a variety of channels beyond traditional brick-and-mortar facilities, such as the www.usps.com website, non-city delivery carriers, stamp consignment locations , and Stamps by Mail, Fax, and Phone.

We value your opinions during this review process. As the Postal Manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your input concerning your postal needs. We encourage you to complete and return the enclosed survey in the pre-addressed postage-paid envelope provided. Your responses along with others received, will be included in the study and considered carefully before any final determination regarding discontinuance is made. Please submit your response no later than 09/12/2011.

A community meeting will be held to explain the study findings and to address community concerns. Postal representatives will be at the Metcalf Post Office on 09/13/2011 from 9:30 to 10:30 to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

Written comments may be hand-delivered to the Metcalf Post Office or mailed to:

District Discontinuance Coordinator
GATEWAY PFC
1720 Market St Room 3000
Saint Louis MO, 63155-9900

The study consists of a publicly available record, so please be advised that any information or responses that you furnish will be visible to others.

A proposal that further explains the nature and justification of the proposed change in service and requests for customer comment may be posted prior to the community meeting. Comments received from the questionnaire, community meeting, and proposal will be considered prior to making a final determination.

If you have any questions concerning this discontinuance feasibility study, please contact Sue Wandersee, District Discontinuance Coordinator Contact at (314) 436-3645.

Sincerely,

Michael Pfundstein
Manager, Post Office Operations

Enclosures:
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EXHIBIT 7B

1st posting



04/25/2011

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way postal services are provided. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

The Postmaster at the Redmon Post Office retired on 5/01/2010. The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation for the following reasons: postmaster vacancy in addition to declining postal needs in the community. Regular and effective service can be provided to the customers with the rural carrier out of Paris, IL which already provides service to the surrounding area. There are also 4 retail offices within 10 miles of the Redmon Post Office

Briefly, we would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, by rural route service emanating from the Paris Post Office.

We estimate that carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the Post Office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Paris Post Office, located 9.1 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m, Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Post Office box service is available at this location at the same fees.

In addition retail services are also available at the Brocton Post Office, located 6.2 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday.

As always, you are welcome to continue using any neighboring facility that is convenient for you. Many customers in your community are already serviced by carriers in the area and this service will continue.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss alternatives with us, a postal representative will be at the Redmon Post Office on 05/05/2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide information about our service.

If you have any questions, you may contact Elizabeth Anderson at (708) 754-0674.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Pfundstein
Manager, Post Office Operations



EXHIBIT 7c

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Redmon, IL Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Paris Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster is reassigned on May 01, 2010. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: postmaster vacancy in addition to declining postal needs in the community. Regular and effective service can be provided to the customers with the rural carrier out of Paris, IL which already provides service to the surrounding area. There are also 4 retail offices within 10 miles of the Redmon Post Office

The Redmon Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday and lobby hours of 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday - Friday and 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday to 100 post office box customers and no delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged four transaction(s) accounting for four minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$9,955 (26 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$9,719 (25 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$12,202 (32 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On May 06, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at the Redmon Post Office to answer questions and provide information to customers. 22 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 25, 2011, 110 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Redmon Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Redmon Post Office. 40 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 3 favorable, 16 unfavorable, and 21 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Paris Post Office, an EAS-20 level office. Window service hours at the Paris Post Office are from 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. There are 257 post office boxes available.

Retail service is also available at the Brocton Post Office an EAS-11 level office, located six miles away. Window service hours at Brocton Post Office are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 to 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday. There are 84 post office boxes available for rent.

The following concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

Response: The customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.
2. **Concern:** Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained

Response: The customer asked why the suspended post office was being discontinued while others were retained. Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.
3. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern about collection of outgoing mail

Response: The customer expressed a concern about the collection of outgoing mail. Collection of mail will be made by the carrier when serving the route. The customer should raise the flag on the mailbox to alert the carrier that outgoing mail is to be collected from the mailbox.
4. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox

Response: The customer expressed concern about having to erect a rural mailbox. Customers are not required to erect rural mailboxes. Customers may apply to receive PO Box service from another Post Office location.

EXHIBIT 7D