

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Retail Access Optimization Initiative

Docket No. N2011-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 5

(Issued October 7, 2011)

The Postal Service is requested to respond to the following questions to clarify the record on its request for an advisory opinion under 39 U.S.C. 3661(c) regarding the examination of continuation of service at approximately 3,650 postal retail locations.<sup>1</sup> In order to facilitate inclusion of the requested material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service shall have a witness attest to the accuracy of the responses. Responses shall be provided no later than October 14, 2011.

1. Please refer to the response to interrogatory USPS/NNA T1-5 discussing an example of postal officials prohibiting audio recordings, video recordings and still photographs from being taken at community meetings.
  - (a) Is it standard Postal Service practice to prohibit audio recordings, video recordings or still photographs from being taken at community meetings?
  - (b) If so, please describe, explain, and provide any documents related to such practice and the rationale for such activity.

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service for an Advisory Opinion on Changes in the Nature of Postal Services, July 27, 2011 (Request).

- (c) If such practice is discretionary, please identify the level of Postal management that has authority to prohibit audio recordings, video recordings or still photographs from being taken at community meetings.
- (d) Please identify the criteria used by Postal Service management to make a determination on whether such a prohibition should occur.
- (e) If it is not standard Postal Service practice to prohibit audio recordings, video recordings or still photographs from being taken at community meetings, please describe and explain what steps the Postal Service is taking, or plans to take in the future, to ensure that such activities do not occur.
- (f) Please provide a list of discontinuance study facilities where Postal Service representatives have prohibited audio recordings, video recordings or still photographs being taken at community meetings since the inception of the Retail Access Optimization Initiative.

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