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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Belk, Alabama 35545  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE  
Docket No: A 2011-82

Ronald Waldrop (Mayor) Petitioner(s)  
Representing the Town of Belk

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Belk post office. The Final Determination was posted 8/3/11 (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.

Attached are the Participant Statement concerning  
issues the Post Office did not consider that should be prime  
concern

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Participant Statement for issues the Post Office did not consider in the closing of the Belk  
Post Office

1. We have some totally dependent older people who have changed all their business mail to the Post Office because of illness in the family.
2. We have over twenty businesses in the Town of Belk and within its police jurisdiction. The businesses need the Post Office to be cost effective. This causes undue hardship to get to the Fayette Post Office daily. Each trip would be approximately seventeen miles.
3. Some older people do not have a vehicle or can drive to get to the Fayette Post Office
4. To obtain necessary postage for letters, get the daily mail, residents would have to change their daily schedules to stop the mail carrier, or to drive the round trip to Fayette which is an undue hardship.
5. In the attachment concerning the businesses usage of the present Post Office, please note the large use of some of the businesses.
6. Compare the businesses of Belk and the Town of Kennedy, six miles from here. The Town of Kennedy has only one business at this time.
7. The Town of Belk is presently thriving successfully: We have a large Community Center, a very nice Community Park, and a Town Hall. The citizens are closely bound. We have monthly singings (Bluegrass and Gospel) in the Community Center, and we have a yearly Bluegrass Festival which attracts patrons from eight states throughout the Southeast. We have a monthly Community Meeting (each 1<sup>st</sup> Monday complete with a meal. Patrons may physically work out each day in the fitness facilities in the Community Center. We also feature a storm shelter in the Park during weather crises
8. Marilyn Watkins does an excellent work as the Postmaster.

We are a proud community with patrons within a an eight mile radius participating each month in our community activities

I shall be grateful for your consideration of the above factors in retaining the Post Office in Belk

Ronald Waldrop  
Mayor

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### Belk Post Office Usage by Industries in Belk

All data was collected by Mayor Waldrop in interviews with each business

1. Mike Newman Trucking Inc. Mike Newman stated his business visited the Belk Post Office 2 to 3 times each day.
2. B & J Trucking Inc.---Went to the Belk Post Office each day working with bills and invoices for the business.
3. N & N Lumber Supply owned by Armon Newman—Every day does business with the Belk Post Office concerning mailing and receiving bills and invoices.
4. N & N Lumber Supply owned by Bob Newman---Every day does business with the Belk Post Office concerning mailing and receiving bills and invoices.
5. Newman Specialize—owned by Nick Newman—Sends all monthly bills through the Belk Post Office. Receives checks and payments through the Post Office.
6. N & N Remanufacturing---Every two days mails out in an official tray of the U.S. Post Office a full tray of business. Buys a min. of 5 rolls of stamps for each of the businesses (Mike Newman Trucking & N & N Remanufacturing) every two weeks.
7. Georgia-Pacific—Each quarter sends out 75 newsletters. In addition use the Belk Post Office each day for mailing along with Georgia-Pacific forestry.

In addition to the above businesses we have the following small businesses.

Belk Quick Stop  
The Welding Shop  
Carroll's Corner  
Kountry Kitchen  
Expressions by Amy  
Thirty One  
Wallace Cycle Shop

Country Aire Beauty Shop  
V & J Beauty Shop  
Music Corner  
Belk Barber Shop  
Avon  
Smith Repair

All of the businesses listed above use the Belk Post Office.

All are located within Town Limits with exception of two (Smith Repair & Wallace Cycle Shop) These two are within police jurisdiction of Belk.

The above businesses in our town should be a big factor in keeping the Belk Post Office open.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Waldrop  
Mayor