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I am writing in concern for the Rhodell Post Office, I want you to know that this post office needs to ~~be~~ remain open. There are a lot of elderly people in this community including myself that cannot travel to another Post office to take care of things, I am not able to drive to a post office at another location. Rhodell Post Office is a part of our community and has been for years, the building is paid for so no rent, so what you pay a carrier to deliver the mail, would be more. I hope you will reconsider and allow The Rhodell Post office to remain open and serve its community as it has done for so many years.

Thank you  
 Carl Vaso

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**VI. SUMMARY**

This is the final determination to close the Rhodell, WV Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Stephenson Post Office, located three miles away.

The postmaster retired on January 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 workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by highway contract route service.

The Rhodell Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 107 PO Box or general delivery customers and 52 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 14. 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 \$38,320 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 Rhodell Post Office and Stephenson Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. Appeal Rights. This final determination to close the Rhodell 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 Rhodell Post Office and Stephenson Post Office during normal office hours.

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Dean J Granholm  
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

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