

## Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

### NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 13, 2011 the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Ardenvoir post office located in Ardenvoir, Washington. The petition for review was filed by Christine Mallon (Petitioner) and is postmarked September 30, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later October 28, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: October 14, 2011

Attachment

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman PRC  
901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200  
Washington DC 20268-0001

September 20, **RECEIVED**

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Dear Chairman Goldway:

The postal service has announced intention to close Ardenvoir, WA 98811 post office, a historic presence in our community since the 30s. One of the petitioners, Robert Shank, has held an Ardenvoir post office box continuously since 1942.

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The attached list containing the signatures of boxholders/customers served by Ardenvoir WA 98811 do not feel that the alternate service(s) offered by the Postal Service is/are acceptable, as it does not provide the degree of regular and effective service that customers are entitled to by federal law. We agree with the 75 members of congress who have appealed to you to establish a new business model for the post office without closing as many as 3,700 rural post offices, including ours.

We do not believe closing our post office at Ardenvoir and providing delivery and retail service by a carrier meets the requirement of the above-mentioned federal law. It is very inconvenient for customers to purchase money orders/stamps and sending/receiving accountable mail such as registered and certified mail. We are also concerned about vandalism, theft of our mail, and identity theft. The owner of Cooper's Store (where the current post office is housed) has not agreed to put in a village/contract post office or alternate site for boxes.

Our post office represents the federal government to our isolated community and it is hard to understand your reasoning. We understand the Postal Service has financial issues, but Rural America is just as important as Urban America. The rural post offices are said to represent less than one percent of the Postal Service annual budget. Other options, such as suspending Saturday delivery, offer far greater savings. In rural America our post office is seen as a necessity. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,



Christine Mallon, 35 year post office box holder  
PO Box 261  
Ardenvoir, WA 98811

Received

OCT 05 2011

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Attachment: petition of Ardenvoir boxholders/customers

61 + 35 = 96 total customer signatures