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BEFORE THE
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In the Matter of:

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SHARPSBURG, IOWA 50862
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-65

DEAN + FLOSSIE BREACH, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the SHARPSBURG post office. The Final Determination was posted 8-25-11 (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.

WE BELIEVE THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE SHARPSBURG, IOWA POST OFFICE SHOULD BE REVERSED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

POSTAL SERVICE STATEMENT OF SALARIES IS INCORRECT, O.I.C. HAS SERVED FOR 18 1/2 YRS AND HER SALARY IS MUCH LESS THAN THAT OF A POSTMASTER, ALSO SHE RECEIVES NO BENEFITS.

IT WILL BE A HARDSHIP TO THE TOWN AS O.I.C. POST OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:00 A.M. TO 11:30 AM AFTER WHICH SHE RUNS A SMALL GROCERY STORE AND CAFE. SHE HAS STATED CLOSING THE POST OFFICE WILL

LOSE HER PART OF HER INCOME AND THE STORE AND RESTAURANT ARE
SO SMALL SHE WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE THEM AND SEEK EMPLOYMENT
OUT OF TOWN. SEVERAL OF US OLD PEOPLE RELY ON THE STORE
FOR OUR FOOD SUPPLIES. WILL NOT THE TOWN SUFFER FROM BOTH
THE LOSS OF THE POST OFFICE, GROCERY, AND CAFE?
I HAVE BEEN TOLD CLOSING THESE RURAL POST OFFICES AMOUNTS
TO LESS THAN 1% OF THE POSTAL SERVICES BUDGET SO WHY
DO THEY WANT TO TAKE AWAY SO MUCH OF RURAL AMERICA'S
HERITAGE?

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR LITTLE TOWN!
PLEASE DON'T LET THEM CLOSE OUR POST OFFICE!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU CAN DO FOR US

DEAN W. BREACH

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TILL OCTOBER 11, 2011

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