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WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

In the Matter of: Freedom, Wyo. 83120
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-93

GARY ADKINSON, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Freedom post office. The Final Determination was posted Aug 29-11.
(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.

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Wyo. And we had over 75 people ^{WHO} ~~THAT~~ signed
The Appeal Letter

Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

9/11/11

Dear Chairman,

The Postal Service has posted the Final Determination to close the Freedom, WY post office.

We do not think the alternate service offered by the Postal Service for the Freedom, WY Post Office, Freedom WY, 83120 is acceptable as it does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

It will be a major inconvenience for us to purchase stamps, money orders, send or receive registered mail, certified mail, and mail parcels. Also, many of our senior residents receive their medications through the mail. We are concerned that prescriptions left in mailboxes will be exposed to extreme weather conditions, including excessive heat, rain, and/or cold temperatures. We are also concerned about vandalism, theft, and even identity theft.

Our little post office represents the federal government to our residents and it is hard for us to understand the reasoning of the USPS. We understand the financial hardships the Postal Service is facing; however, it is still against the law to close a post office that is not financially self-sustaining. Closing post offices would cut about 7500 jobs. Rural America cannot afford to lose any more jobs in this fragile economy.

The financial report for the Freedom Post Office is not accurate. We now have the Silverstar Communications business, which brings in approximately \$3500 dollars per month.

Before closing small post offices why not try closing post offices on Saturdays which would save approximately \$80 billion dollars, and/or cutting down on hours. Small rural post offices are the keystone of many rural communities, and the fact is that closing post offices saves the Postal Service very little money. According to PRC data the total net cost of the 10,000 smallest Post Offices--more than one-third of all Post Offices in the United States--is less than seven tenths of one percent (0.7%) of the total cost of the United States Postal Service.

We are fearful the closure of the post office will mean the loss of our town's identity as we have heard that happened to friends and family in other small communities. A rural carrier can't provide the same services as our post office.

We would like to request a Grant of Labor.

Sincerely, 

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LDS CHURCH - PO BOX 108
FIBER FUSION - PO BOX 153
SILVERSTAR COMMUNICATIONS - PO BOX 226
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEATING - PO BOX 228
WYOMING CAB & DELIVERY - PO BOX 242
FREEDOM WATER & SEWER - PO BOX 245
CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING - PO BOX 256
DRILL TECH, INC - PO BOX 272
BUTLER LLC - PO BOX 291
AMERICAN RESISTANCE - PO BOX 321
MOUNTAIN MOBILE LOCKSMITH - PO BOX 391
STAR VALLEY ELECTRIC - PO BOX 282
ECHO SERVICES - PO BOX 277
JENKINS HUNTING CAMP - PO BOX 172
TIN CUP SPORTS - PO BOX 110
AAA PLUMBING - PO BOX 161
APOCALYPTIC ENTERPRIS - PO BOX ES 275
TETON PLUMBING - PO BOX 306
YELLOW STONE LANDSCAPING - 1161 PRATER CANYON RD
ROBINSONS ACCOUNTING - PO BOX 335
TOOTIES - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
JR PAINT - 5476 COUNTY RD 125
NELSON'S DRILLING - 580 HWY 239
CROOK FARMS - 103078 HWY 89
FREEDOM LUMBER - 103454 HWY 89
VILLAGE CHIMNEY SWEEP - 10400 HWY 89
FREEDOM REFRIDGERATION - 102891 HWY 89
H&K STORAGE - PO BOX 167
BARNYARD ACRES CAMPGROUND - 50 COUNTY RD 111
MONEY MANAGEMENT - PO BOX 289
DEER CREEK ELK RANCH - PO BOX 283
LUTHI CONSTRUCTION - PO BOX 203
PUMPING SOLUTIONS - PO BOX 201
FREEDOMG AUTOMOTIVE - PO BOX 143
NORTH RIDGE HOMES - 15 CEDER CREEK RD
CJS LLC - PO BOX 313
STREET RULES - 3064 COUNTY RD 114
3 FINGERED COWBOY PRODUCTIONS - PO BOX 364
S&K PROPERTIES - PO BOX 282
PARK POINTE HOA - PO BOX 375
DOUBLE L AVIATION - PO BOX 375
K&E FABRICATION - PO BOX 1177 HWY 239
H&K WELDING - PO BOX 167
ETNA IRRIGATION - PO BOX 167
BAKER DITCH - PO BOX 167
NELSON PUMP SERVICES - 580 HWY 239

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DESIGNS SOLUTIONS - 15 CEDER CREEK RD
FREEDOM STAR CONSTRUCTION - 15 CEDER CREEK RD
NELSON TRUCKING - 626 HWY 239
BLUE J INC - 5384 COUNTY RD 125
BROG FARMS INC - 1644 COUNTY RD 114
BUSY "B" BEAUTY SHOP - 1644 COUNTY RD 114
BF COMPANY - 1644 COUNTY RD 114
TRAFFIC SCHOOL - PO BOX 313
JACKNIFE RANCH - 173 JACKNIFE RD
TIN CUP ENTERPRIZES - PO BOX 110
PRO SYSTEMS - PO BOX 174
TIN CUP FENCING - PO BOX 174
PRESTIGE MEDIA DESIGN - PO BOX 226
HIGH COUNTRY TILE LLC - PO BOX 165
DISCOUNT CRANE SERVICES - 50 JACKNIFE ROAD
TURF POWER PRODUCTS - PO BOX 320
NEW YORK LIFE - 50 JACKNIFE ROAD
TETON TELECOM - PO BOX 226
MILLANIAL GROUP PO BOX 226
GOLD STAR COMMUNICATIONS 104101 HWY 89