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In the Matter of:

Lorraine, New York 13659  
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A-2011-101

Susan and Dean Paine, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Lorraine, NY post office. The Final Determination was posted August 23, 2011 (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.

The Postal Service said in the final determination to

close the Lorraine, NY Post Office that the building

itself had issues. Nevertheless, renovations have been made

but not mentioned in the final determination.

As to community impact it was also overlooked in the

final determination that the Post Office is the only indoor

casual meeting place in this small, rural, snowbound community.

Community notices are posted there. Unlike other Post

Offices, this Post Office serves an extra postal function.

The issue is not to preserve the name of a community, like a tombstone; rather the issue is not to destroy the fragile vitality of Lorraine.

The final determination also neglects to mention that the only reason that Lorraine doesn't have a sitting Post Master is that the Post Office has left the seat empty for 6 years.

It is obvious that Lorraine had been singled out for closure years ago and then neglected to final determination. The matter is capricious, arbitrary, and procedurally unsound in this gross manipulation of some important facts as well as the clear disregard of others.

*Susan M. Paine*

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