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Enloe Post Office  
Enloe, Texas 75441

This Brief addresses three issues: (1) To assure fairness to all who choose to drive into Cooper for their mail service should Enloe PO be closed, the postal service's estimate of 4 miles is NOT a good estimate of required driving distance. In fact, that distance can range from 4 miles to 10 miles one way OR 8 miles to 20 miles round trip! Again, what with the price of gasoline, car repair and maintenance, this constitutes quite an increase in cost for postal patrons plus the increase in box rentals at Cooper PO.

(2) In regard to postal service estimates of annual savings, your calculation included:

Postmaster Salary (EAS 11, No Cola) of	\$30,492.
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$10,215.
For a Total of	<u>\$40,707.</u>

Since the Postmaster's position has been vacant since January 3, 2009, the inclusion of this salary and benefits is not a true savings to the Postal Service and should NOT be considered as such in the calculation process since it is not a verifiable cost savings.

Again, it is my understanding that NO small post office should be closed solely for operating at a deficit as Congress insures effective postal service to residents of both urban and rural communities!

(3) Also, the annual rental lease contract for the PO building has 3 years remaining with no cancellation clause. Your comments state there is an assignment clause that allows lease costs to be saved if the property is subleased. This savings is also questioned in this brief as being a reality under the best of circumstances, and is NOT a verifiable cost savings.

As a personal comment, I have found your appeal process and schedule difficult to follow, but hope my efforts as an appellant in the proposed "Final Determination to Close The Enloe, Texas 75441 Post Office" as acceptable.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deloris H. Gillean".

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