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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:

St. Lucas, Iowa 52166
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
Docket No: A2012-6

Town of St. Lucas, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the St. Lucas post office. The Final Determination was posted Sept 12, 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.

Office of the Secretary

Postal Regulatory Commission,

We the City of St. Lucas Iowa are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the St. Lucas post office. The post office in St. Lucas is more than just a place to deliver and receive mail. They help with taxes, social security and other public information that our small and elderly community needs to survive. They are actually the only form of government assistance we have in the rural area and this should not be eliminated. We also know of no maintenance problems, lease expirations or any other reason that this site should be closed. We do not have a postmaster nor is one retiring and the structure of the building is in safe condition. So what is the reasoning other than money? We do not feel that closing this post office will make a significant savings for the Postal Service but would definitely make an impact on our residents of the community.

We will lose jobs. We know the letter said it would try and reassign these people but you may as well say they are out of a job. How are they going to reassign them when the surrounding postal offices are also either in danger of closing or have been cutting back on employment?

Our community is made up of numerous elderly residents whom do not or cannot drive the distance to another Post Office. Many are also not computer literate. So how are they to conduct their business? So I would say yes this definitely will affect our community.

Again, closing this site would not be a significance cost savings for the Postal Service and there are probably other ways to cut costs that would be of greater savings for the Postal Service. We do not feel that the Postal Service has fully considered the affect on the community, the affect on the employees and should look into other means of cost savings before they make their determination to close our Post Office.

Please reconsider your decision in this matter

The City of St. Lucas

Wendy Gausman
St. Lucas
City Clerk