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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:

St. Lucas, IA 52166
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2012-6

Chris Drilling, 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 09/12/11 (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.

November 8, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this participant statement to support my earlier written appeal. I encourage you to reconsider the closing of the post office in St. Lucas, Iowa 52166. The post office is a vital business in our small town. It is a place that is visited everyday by the people of our community. It is a place for people to conduct business as well as to have a place to have a quick minute to socialize. Closing the post office would take away from having a place out of the elements for people to gather their mail. We have a lot of elderly people in our town and that may put liability into your hands as they would have snow, ice and frozen locks to contend with. It would also make it harder to mail packages with outside units and servicing would not be immediate for your other services such as money orders and certified mail. Being a small town it will be hard to find a suitable ground for you to install the units that you want patrons to use.

Recently we have been lucky enough to have a new business open in town. It is an internet order based business that would give you, the post office an opportunity to increase your revenue. Besides giving you an opportunity for increased business it also is an exciting chance for our other businesses in town to serve out of town traffic. Small town America needs that to survive. We have enough unemployment in our country and with our troops coming home jobs are very important. Closing the post office would hurt our community! It gives people one more reason to come to our town.

We do not have a full-time post master in our post office. We have not for many years. That has given you a huge cost savings over the years. I am asking your reconsideration to find alternative ways to cut cost then to close our post offices.

Thank you for your time,

Chris Drilling

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