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In the Matter of:

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OF THE SECRETARY
Forest, La 71242
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2012-19

_____, Petitioner(s) :

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Forest post office. The Final Determination was posted Oct 25, 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.

I oppose the closure of Forest Post office for the following reasons.

1. It is only 5 miles to Oak Grove Post office, but I don't go to Oak Grove everyday. If my Po closes, I will have to make a trip of 10 miles each day with gas prices over \$3.00 a gallon. I am on a

fixed income along with the average person in Forest, Ia.

2. If you close the small and Rural Postoffices in U.S., the savings would total only 0.7% of the Postal Service operating budget, but accessibility to the postal services that I regularly use would be irreparably damaged.

3. Forest Post Office is a cornerstone of our community.

4. At the townhall meeting we were told we could put up a rural mailbox and a carrier could service our needs. If we wanted a rural mailbox we would have put one up years ago and not paid for a box at the postoffice. This is a farming area with large farm equipment that has a tendency to knock down rural mailboxes as it passes.

Sincerely,

John F. Wharta