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Elizabeth Johnson
Mississippi – PFC District Manager
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Jackson, MS 39205-9990

RE: Final Determination to Close the Morgan City, MS, Post Office

Dear Ms. Johnson:

As a concerned patron of the Morgan City, Mississippi, Post Office there are several issues I would like to bring to your attention. I have filed a Petition with the Postal Regulatory Commission. The issues are:

- 1) In the above referenced document mileage from Morgan City to Itta Bena is stated as 8 miles; according to Mapquest it is 10.3 miles. Mr. Amos said this would be corrected, but it has not been corrected as of this date.
- 2) The proposal is to have the rural route originate from Itta Bena, Mississippi, which is 10.3 miles away from Morgan City. The citizens of Morgan City and surrounding area currently can walk or travel 2-3 miles to utilize the Morgan City Post Office. Many of them cannot afford to drive the extra mileage, and there are still some who would have to pay someone to take them to Itta Bena.
- 3) Some patrons now who are eligible to be served by the Belzoni or Moorhead rural routes utilize the Post Office Boxes in Morgan City. These people, if currently renting a Box in Morgan City and who do not rent a Box in Itta Bena would, upon closing of the Morgan City Post Office, have to drive 17 miles to these towns to receive accountable mail.
- 4) As printed in your PS Form 1093-T dated July 2011, "There are many benefits to having a PO Box: Privacy; Confidentiality; Efficiency; Security and Accessibility." Eliminating the PO Boxes in Morgan City would negate the efficiency and accessibility and security they have trusted for almost 100 years.
- 5) There are 156 Boxes rented in Morgan City, and many of these Boxes have multiple people receiving mail, which would cause several hundred people to change their addresses.
- 6) People in Morgan City and surrounding area already have 9-1-1 addresses, but most prefer to utilize a Post Office Box instead of the Belzoni or Moorhead rural route. If the office is closed, will these people have to use their 9-1-1 address with Morgan City as the town, yet their delivery would come from Itta Bena or Belzoni or Moorhead rural routes?
- 7) Do people who want to continue using a Post Office Box in Itta Bena have to change their address to Itta Bena?
- 8) It is stated that the Postmaster resigned on July 19, 2009. There has been ample time to appoint another Postmaster, and I am concerned why this has not been done.

- 9) Document 1373772-38946, Item 15, Page 2 of the Post Office Survey Sheet indicates the Post Office Box rental rates are the same. But, the rates to rent a Box in Itta Bena are higher than at Morgan City. Enclosed are printouts showing the rates.
- 10) The Final Determination states that Morgan City is unincorporated and governed by the County, which is wrong. It is incorporated with a Mayor and Board of Alderman.
- 11) Item 17, Page 2 shows the cost of keeping the present Office, but does not show any additional cost to convert to the rural route. Anytime you add mileage, rural boxes, and extra mail volume it will increase the costs of that route.
- 12) In the summary of the Final Determination to Close, it states the Postal Service will save approximately \$50,747.00 annually. This does not take into consideration the additional costs to the rural route, or HCR, and the loss of revenue from rental of the current 156 Boxes at Morgan City.
- 13) There were some businesses listed, but several were omitted, including: White Plains LP; Paul's Firewood Sales; Sunbelt Masonry; M&E; Mossy Island Outfitters; Kaye Mincieli Painting; Morgan City Grocery; Fred B. Poindexter Farms; Ridgecrest Farms; Jolly Properties LLC; Morgan City Fire Department; Millican Planting Company; and Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. There may be several more I am not aware of.

I do not believe that closing the Morgan City Post Office and replacing it with rural delivery will provide the degree of regular and effective services that are currently available.

The Mississippi Delta has unique needs because of the poverty level of the unemployed, elderly and handicapped on government assistance, and shortage of jobs that pay above minimum wage. These citizens cannot easily access a Post Office that is not in their home town. To further impede their ability to perform postal transactions (buying money orders to pay bills, correspond with family members in other states, send and receive packages, etc.) would be devastating to this community.

The very people in these small towns and rural communities that the United States Postal Service began serving by placing Post Offices within their reach, are now being deprived of this wonderful "service" by the closing of their windows to the world. City residents have always had this convenience and security and will not be affected adversely now. I would like to see the USPS return to its roots of SERVICE instead of upper management referring to it as a "company." There must be a common ground between the two, making the "company" successful in both finances and in people SERVICE.

Thank you.

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Post Office - MORGAN CITY

0.02 Mile

208 DELTA ST,
MORGAN CITY, MS 38946

Phone: (662) 254-7253
On-site parking available: Yes

| Size | 6 months | 12 months | Availability |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$21.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$42.00 | Yes |
| 2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$28.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$56.00 | Yes |
| 3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$50.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$100.00 | Yes |

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Post Office - CRUGER

7.81 Mile

283 RAILROAD ST,
CRUGER, MS 38924

Phone: (662) 455-2289
On-site parking available: Yes

| Size | 6 months | 12 months | Availability |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$21.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$42.00 | Yes |
| 2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$28.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$56.00 | Yes |
| 3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$50.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$100.00 | Yes |

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Post Office - ITTA BENA

0.37 Mile

100 DEWEY ST,
ITTA BENA, MS 38941

Phone: (662) 254-9112
On-site parking available: Yes

| Size | 6 months | 12 months | Availability |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$23.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$46.00 | Yes |
| 2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$35.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$70.00 | Yes |
| 3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$55.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$110.00 | Yes |
| 4 (11 IN X 11 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$110.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$220.00 | Yes |

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Post Office - LEFLORE

7.26 Mile

600 YALOBUSHA ST,
GREENWOOD, MS 38930

Phone: (662) 453-3228
On-site parking available: Yes

| Size | 6 months | 12 months | Availability |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 (3 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$23.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$46.00 | Yes |
| 2 (5 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$35.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$70.00 | Yes |
| 3 (11 IN X 5.5 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$55.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$110.00 | Yes |
| 4 (11 IN X 11 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$110.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$220.00 | Yes |
| 5 (22.5 IN X 12 IN) | <input type="radio"/> \$205.00 | <input type="radio"/> \$410.00 | Yes |

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