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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Docket No: A2012-11

In the Matter of:

Ardenvoir, WA 98811
Post Office State ZIP Code

John D. Mallon, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Ardenvoir post office. The Final Determination was posted _____ (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.

Please read attached statement.

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Statement

I would like to provide an attached input to the closing of the Ardevoir Post Office.

Closing the Ardenvoir Post Office in this section of Washington State will be disruptive to my mail. My legal residence is located at the home of my older brother Mike and his wife Chris Mallon in this community. As a member of the Armed Forces I have had this wonderful and safe guarantee of obtaining my mail where I was assigned. For 30 years I been able to receive my mail without any interference. I have been assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington on more than one occasion and I have dove to Ardenvoir to obtain my main on a weekly basis. Having a post office box at the Ardenvoir Post Office has been a god sent.

If the Arndenvoir Post Office is closed this will make it extremely difficult for myself to receive my mail. I still will be located in a different area of our nation. Since 1981 I have had three overseas tours. If it wasn't for the Ardnevoir Post Office I would have not been able to receive my critical mail, plus I have bills to pay from the states. This would have caused an enormous hardship on this service member serving your country. In 2005 I was assigned with my Army unit in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. If it wasn't for the main being forward to me from the Ardenvoir Post Office to my Army Post Office address I would have found my combat tour in Iraq extremely difficult. I looked forward to my mail and I am grateful to the postal employee Kay McIntire who did an excellent job insuring all my mail arrived to my hands. I could pay my bills and receive other mail of interest. This is a huge moral factor in a combat zone. My brother and his wife cannot and will not help in this matter.

I foresee in the future that nay young person form Armdenvoir who entered into the military service who need to have his or her mail forward to them may be in the same situation I am in. They need to receive their mail and the Ardenvoir Post Office is the only vehicle to help them in this regards. They will have a reliable source to receive their mail, as I did. The War on Terror will be with our nation for many more years in the future. It may last as long as the Cold War.

I have written a letter to Mr. Wilcox who owns the Cooper Store in Ardenvoir, WA a letter. Over 30 years ago Mrs. DePew worked in Cooper's Store and she also was the postal person for the mail. The post office in located inside of Cooper's Store. I feel a compromised can be found. Even if the hours are shorten. If the Post Office hours are reduced to 08:00 a.m to Noon from Monday to Saturday this may help. The person who has been working at this location is Debra Mitchell. He can leave her work as a store employee at noon and be at the Entiat Post Office at

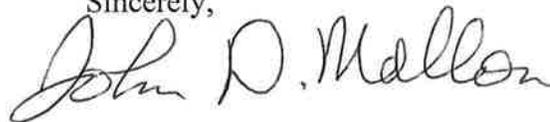
1:00 p.m. I like so many other customers are more than will if the Postal Commission must raise our Post Office Box fee this is fine.

I can foresee other difficulties if the Ardenvoir Post Office closes. For many individuals who live west of the town of Ardenvoir on Entiat Roadk they would have to drive on snow pack road to get to their mail in Entiat. This is more than a 15 mile drive. Many who live in this section of Washington State do not own a snowmobile. I can see car accidents on slick roads. Plus the elderly would have difficulty obtaining their packages during the holidays. It does snow very early in December. I have seen this for myself.

I have seen with the closer of other small post offices in many rural areas, this means the town will die. Since Cooper's Store and other business adjutant to this building may close in the future. Many small communities have folded, eventually many residents will leave the area. This will take place.

Regarding the town hall meeting that took place. This time on a Monday was not a good time to have all the members of the community be present. If a second Town Hall meeting took place on a Saturday at 2:00 p.m. this will have more resident can attend and will not interfere with their employment. I have read in a recent newspaper article that congress is considering to extent the other non- profit post offices for two more years. I ask if congress dose extent this can the Ardenvoir Post Office be in operation till a decision from congress is made. Many weeks ago I was watching the new on a PBS news program called The New Hour. It had the U.S. Post Master General on this program along with the head of the Postal Union. Both admitted there is a found source at is blocked by congress to allowed for situation like the current issue today. I hope this fund is release to show up the current needs of many towns like Ardenvoir. It is important I do receive my mail even today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Mellon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Commission reserves the right to redact personal information which may infringe on an individual's privacy rights from documents filed in this proceeding.

Intervention. Persons, other than Petitioner and respondent, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention. See 39 CFR 3001.111(b). Notices of intervention in this case are to be filed on or before November 14, 2011. A notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's website unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. See 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(a).

Further procedures. By statute, the Commission is required to issue its decision within 120 days from the date it receives the appeal. See 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5). A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit information or memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. As required by the Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. See 39 CFR 3001.21.

It is ordered:

1. The Postal Service shall file the applicable administrative record regarding this appeal no later than October 28, 2011.
2. Any responsive pleading by the Postal Service to this Notice is due no later than October 28, 2011.
3. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.
4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Cassandra L. Hicks is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.