

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Mountain City post office located in Mountain City, Nevada. The first petition for review received November 15, 2011, was filed by Becky Goff. The second petition for review received November 15, 2011, was filed by the Customers of Mountain City. The earliest postmark date is November 4, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review).



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: December 1, 2011

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RE: Closing of the Mountain City, Nevada Post Office

We are appealing the closure of the Mountain City Post Office. We are requesting the 120 day extension so that our community gets a fair review. So far our community has expressed many concerns that the Postal Service has not given a sufficient answer to. In the proposal to close the Mountain City Post Office the Postal Service not only did not answer our questions and concerns, they added false information in their proposal to make sure they followed their criteria, It needed to be able to assure the closure of the Mountain City Post Office. It is a law that a post office can not be closed for the soul purpose of financial reasons. Therefore they are using the reasons for the closure, a lack of a Postmaster. Our Postmaster left in 2008. We have had a OIC acting as Postmaster since then, Our question is if they had not decided at that point they were going to use this against our community to close our office than why in over 3 years have we not had a postmaster? What does it take to get a Postmaster and why have we gone so long with out one? Is there not a law against this? What will happen to the Postal employees' in our community? All questions that have not been answered or even attempted to be answered. The Postal Service used false information about the wages they are paying their employees and adding the cost of benefits paid to the employees when

their employee do not receive any benefits at all. The Postal Service adds in their proposal that the closest Post Office, Owyhee Post Office is only 10 miles away and the Owyhee Post Office has 10 available post office boxes. The truth is the Owyhee Post Office is 13 miles away and there is such a shortage of boxes that most of their customers share boxes, therefore the Mountain City Post Office handles a lot of the Owyhee Post Office over flow, because the Owyhee Post Office is too small for its own community let alone adding the Mountain City community to it. After the postal officials were notified of the false information they had in their proposal they failed to correct their mistakes and are still using the false information in their proposal to close our community post office. The Postal Service did not consider that our community extends to the south of Mountain City. As it is now, we have community members that have to drive up to 120 miles round trip to use our post office because Mountain City is the closest post office; The Postal Service did not even consider adding the 26 mile round trip to their long drive! 146 miles for any one to drive to the nearest post office is too much! Or do they not count? Also The Postal Service has refused to come up with a plan letting us know how we are going to receive our mail. Are we going to get a CBU unit? Where do they plan to put it? Who is responsible in purchasing the CBU unit? Who will be responsible for the maintenance and snow removal? Do we have to put up our own mail boxes? Where do we put them up? Once again our questions and concerns have not been answered. It seems that no body knows any answers to any of our questions and concerns not even the Postal Officials that signed their name to the

proposal! How can that be?? It seems that the decision to close the Mountain City Post Office had already been made. The Postal Service has not taken into consideration the hardship it will cause our senior citizens or our handicap citizens in our community if the Post Office closes. We feel our rural community deserves a post office because unlike people in town we are unable to run to a store to purchase what we need and therefore we have a lot of our medications and supplies mailed to us. It is unfair that the Postal Officials are allowed to come to our community and cause such a hardship on us using false information, with not a care or a straight answer. We are people, and we do matter! We deserve the right to have our closure proposal reevaluated. I would like to thank the persons that take the time to read this letter, and grant my community this appeal and the 120 day extension for further review.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Goff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Becky Goff

Owner/ Operator, Mtn City. Motel and Bar

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Re: Protest closing of Mountain City, Nevada Post Office

On behalf of all the Mountain City, Nevada postal customers, we are writing to protest the closure of our post office.

Enclosed is a copy of Docket #1374123-89831. This document contains much misinformation, some of which are pertinent to the proposed closure.

ECONOMIC SAVINGS:

1. This section does not address additional costs that would rise from the carrier performing many of the tasks now done at the post office. The carrier will reportedly sell stamps and money orders. If there are not additional requirements for the carrier, such as bonding, it will still take additional time to finish the route. Neither additional cost has been included in the consideration.
2. The current OIC does not receive any benefits. This decreases the proposed savings by more than \$8,300.00.
3. The current IOC's annual salary is nearly \$7,000.00 less than stated. The economic savings is greatly overstated if the post office is closed. The Owyhee, Nevada post office has been named as the proposed Administrative Office. Owyhee is nearly 13 miles north of Mountain City, not 10 miles as reported in the Docket. Many of the Mountain City postal customers live south of the community, making their round trip to Owyhee, to the post office, up to 40 miles. There are no boxes available to rent in Owyhee. In fact, several of their "overflow" customers currently have postal boxes in Mountain City.

During the community on May 17, 2011, several questions were raised by the Mountain City postal customers:

Where will we have to go to pick up large packages?

Will we have house delivery at our own mail boxes; each of us having a roadside box that we install?

If we have cluster boxes, where will they be installed and who will install and maintain the cluster boxes and surrounding area?

The carrier is not a postal employee but will be handling money.

Post Office closures are not to be based on revenue generated as the

only reason for closure.

These questions and concerns have not been addressed to our satisfaction and as a result we request the commission extend the proposed closure date until these issues have been studied further.

PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THE MOUNTAIN CITY POST OFFICE!

Signatures of postal customers of the Mountain City Post Office:

Please print name and sign below:

Louise Basañez Louisa T. Basañez

MELVIN J. BASAÑEZ Melvin J. Basañez

Larry Monroe [Signature]

Becky Gott Becky Gott

[Signature] Rebecca Hooper

Raleigh Anderson Raleigh Anderson

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Amber Koberstein

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