

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 five petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Alvord post office in Alvord, Iowa. The first petition for review received December 1, 2011, was filed by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hodgson. The second petition for review received December 6, 2011, was filed by Jackie Knobloch. The third petition for review received December 6, 2011, was filed by Janet Newborg. The fourth petition for review received December 7, 2011, was filed by Joanne C. Smith. The fifth petition for review received December 9, 2011, was filed by Elaine Childress. The earliest postmark date is November 25, 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 28, 2011

Attachment

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Alvord, Ia 51230

November 24, 2011

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To Whomever;

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We do not understand why you keep using monetary figures as that of a postmaster when referring to Alvord. We have an OIC and ~~the~~ ^{other} ~~monies~~ ^{monies} for her salary and lease of the building are considerably less.

We assume this is our final appeal. Please reconsider the action to close the post office in Alvord, Iowa for all the reasons all the letter writers have previously stated. We feel that your answers have been rhetoric.

Your answer to this will be allowing us to stay open.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holzman

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November 30, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to request that you appeal your decision to close the Alvord, IA, Post Office. We are a business on main street and use the post office daily. As a business we often receive packages too large to put in our box and have the need to have packages/envelopes weighed before mailing. This would prove to very inconvenient and costly if we have to travel to Rock Rapids, IA, to continue these services.

Please reconsider your decision and do not close the Alvord Post Office.

Thank you,

Jackie Knobloch

Executive Officer

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To the Postal Regulatory Commission

This letter is my appeal regarding the closing of the Alvord Post Office. This post office is currently located in Alvord, Iowa 51230.

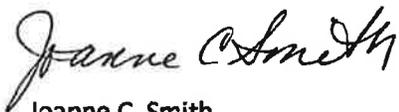
As a rural route patron of the Alvord, Iowa postal service, I request this appeal. I currently utilize the US postal service for both personal and business use. I have a small consulting firm that depends on timely mail service. I fear that the consolidation of services with Rock Rapids, Iowa postal service will negatively affect my business as well as personal mail services.

As an educator in public schools for over 40 years, I can attest that consolidation of services may project savings; however, in reality the long range projection of savings is very limited if any and the services provided to the communities is often limited as well.

In the response to my concerns and the concerns of other patrons present at the meeting on April 14, 2011, most solutions referred to the use of the rural route carriers. If the rural route carriers complete all of the duties now handled in the Alvord Post Office, I do not see how the carriers will be able to deliver mail in a timely manner. In my business and personal use of the postal service, if I cannot depend on service in a timely manner, I will need to resort to more electronic mail usage. I fear that I am not alone in this dilemma. This will mean less income for the US postal service. Certainly, this is not the goal of the postal department.

Please reconsider your decision to close the postal office in Alvord. Alvord is a small town, but as I drove through Main Street today to pick up stamps for my holiday cards at the Alvord Post Office, I saw construction of a new facility for a repair service. It is a vibrant community. Don't count us out yet!

Most sincerely,



Joanne C. Smith
JCS Consulting, LLC
2284 Eagle Avenue
Alvord, Iowa 51230

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Alward, Iowa

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Dear Sirs;

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I am writing in regard to your decision to close our local post office. I most certainly do not agree with this. By closing the Seawater City facility, for example, has created hours of overtime in other offices. How does this save money? I think this closing is a bad idea + will cause a lot of inconvenience for the people in Alward. I think this should be reconsidered. Thank you.

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yours truly,

Janet Newberry

PO Box 104

Alward, Iowa 51230

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Alward, Ia

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Dec 1, 2011

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Dear Sir-

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this letter is to appeal
 the closing of the post
 office in Alward, IA 51232.
 The inconvenience would
 be "great". It would
 not do the main St.
 any good. The people
 would be standing out
 in -10° weather trying
 to use a key to unlock
 a box. The cost to set up
 these boxes would be
 much more than the
 \$3100 paid on building
 but that is now being
 paid for our post office.

at least consider to
have the post office
open 4 hours a day.
It would be appreciated
if the Alameda post office
would not be closed.

Sincerely,

Estimate children
P O Box 434
Alameda Ca 94530