

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:  
Fairfield, KY 40020

Docket No: A 2012-23

William T. (Tom) Trent, Petitioner

Reply Brief in Response to Answering Brief  
(December 30, 2011)

- 1) Once again the Postal Service has demonstrated that it does not know anything about the Fairfield, Kentucky Post Office. In the first paragraph under **Background**, page 2 of the document COMMENTS REGARDING APPEAL, the Saturday hours of operation are incorrect. The Postal Service states the Saturday hours are 8:30 to 16:00. The observed and posted hours are 8:00 to 11:45 on Saturday.
- 2) The Petitioner has stated Fairfield's position on the reasons behind the Postal Service's statement that "revenue is declining".
- 3) The Postal Service has not addressed the problems for this incorporated City if Fairfield ends up with four delivery addresses: P.O. Box, Fairfield, KY 40020; House # and Street Address, Bloomfield, KY 40008; House # and Street Address, Cox's Creek, KY 40013; and House # and Street Address, Taylorsville, KY 40071.

- 4) The Postal Service owns the land and the modular building of the Fairfield Post Office. Due to its failure to maintain its building, the Postal Service has intentionally set the office up to close.
- 5) The Postal Service continues to answer Fairfield customer concerns as if the customers are erecting roadside mailboxes, instead of answering customer concerns with answers that pertain to boxes in the existing building or to the alternative CBUs. The Postal Service has not addressed how stamp purchases, packages, or money order purchases will be handled in that situation.
- 6) The Postal Service continues to use estimated cost savings using a career Postmaster salary and benefits when that has not been the case for a number of years and refuses to show additional rural carrier costs because it "hopes" to retain or lease space for Fairfield's existing Post Office boxes. The Postal Service answers concerns with rural delivery answers but no rural delivery costs and no dollar figures for CBU delivery costs are included in the event that the "hoped" for plan of retaining or leasing space to keep current PO Boxes in the current building does not work out. The Postal Service's economic savings are flawed because of the numbers used.

## CONCLUSION

I respectfully request that the proposed closure of the Fairfield, Kentucky Post Office be returned to the Postal Service for further review and justification.