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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Docket No: A2012-102

In the Matter of:

PARLIN, COLO 81239  
Post Office State ZIP Code

Ruth E. DOLEZAL, Petitioner(s)  
LAURENCE E. DOLEZAL

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the PARLIN COLO. post office. The Final Determination was posted 12-7-2011.  
(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.

JANUARY 22, 2012 - STATEMENT -

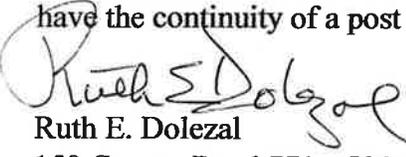
First let me say that your commission has made the time frame for me to get an answer off to your office, extremely tight, almost impossible. My letter was accepted on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, however the packet was not mailed until the 13<sup>th</sup> of January, received by me on January 21<sup>st</sup> - a Saturday. I will put this into the mail on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> but the packet information gives only til the 26<sup>th</sup> of January for my answer to be in your office!!!

Several items need to be addressed - more letters were sent to the Postal Regulatory Commission than ours and Sara Swartz's...at least four or five more that are known to me. Other items were incorrect in the closure packet: The Parlin Post Office serves 119 customers; more people attended the community meeting than was stated and the mail for Pitkin P.O. is delivered via the mail carrier on this route. The mileage would double for the carrier so her pay would have to increase. The time needed for delivery of mail would increase by several hours and the outgoing mail would probably not make the outgoing mail truck until the next day. The Clerk in Charge pay stated in your closure package - did not note that this pay will continue as the CIC would just go back to the Gunnison P.O. She should be given the Postmaster position in Parlin which would be less pay than SHE NOW GETS AS A CIC.

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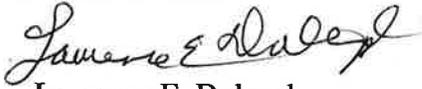
The revenue for Parlin P.O. grows each year. In 2011, we alone have spent over \$750 on mailings to combat troops in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the hospital at Landstuhl Regional Hospital in Germany as well as sending several boxes to the veterans at Homelake Veterans Home. In addition, our personal mailings have topped over \$125 for stamps and packages. We are not alone as the Nursery and Sign Company between Ohio City and Parlin do all of their mailings at Parlin P.O. In summer we get an influx of residents and the volume of mail is larger as is the revenue from their mailings. (And as you are well aware all of the Postal Service budget for rural post offices constitutes only .07%!)

In addition, you need to take into account the number of elderly and disabled people on the route. County Road 76 is relatively straight from Ohio City to Parlin...the road from Ohio City to Pitkin is deadly...many curves, blind corners etc. In winter the roads are icy and the elderly plus others, will not travel on it while in summer the crazy tourists make it a road to stay off of. As one of the letters to your commission stated Ohio City has already had their post office taken away, and now you are trying to close Parlin which is 9 miles from Ohio City and at least gives some help to the elderly and disabled who live in the area. A lot of the elderly (and others) do not have nor use the internet. Gunnison Post Office is a 42 mile round trip for those who live in O.C. and there in no way that Gunnison "cares" about us rural folks. At least with a Parlin P.O. we still have some comfort of knowing our CIC cares about the community and those who live in it. Your commission does need to have some compassion about enabling our rural community to have the continuity of a post office and stop the threats about closure.



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