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**RE: Docket # A2012-102  
An Appeal of the action**

**Regarding the closure of the Parlin Post Office in Parlin, Colorado 81239**

**Petitioner: Leon K. Oltmann, resident served by the Parlin Post Office**

Members of the Postal Regulatory Commission:

Thank you for review and reply on this topic as submitted 2/22/2012, filing ID: 80650. The following is hopefully a concise and to the point response to the Commission review. And, is a continuance of my objection to the closing of the Parlin Post Office.

1. In answering and speaking to the points made by the various petitioners, petitioners, will continue to maintain that information used (*by the Commission*) has not always been reflective of reality: an example, p. 2 of your document suggest 60 clients served vs. the reality of 119 clients (*20 boxes in Ohio City; 10 deliveries; 22 CR 76 boxes and 67 NBU deliveries in Ohio City*).
2. The letter provided by the Commission also makes reference throughout to the 11.7 mile distance to the Parlin Post Office from Gunnison. The Parlin Post Office is the beginning point for delivery to the majority of its clientele, with the furthest point being another 15 miles beyond the Parlin Post Office, thus, delivery more responsibly should be recorded at 26.7 miles.
3. **My primary contention for the Commission's continued affirmation of closure of the Parlin Post Office; I offer three points:**
  - a. To make the statement that the question on the three post offices be addressed on a case-by-case bases; and, at the same time suggest that the Commission is charged with "executing it's mission economically", is hypocritical.
  - b. This postal area (*Monarch Pass to Gunnison*) is a remote and contiguous area. Servicing this entire area in the most economical manner is OR, **should be the issue.**
  - c. The Commission frequently referenced the "mandate that the Postal Service execute its mission economically" reference; 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(iv):
    - 1) In my comments, in three prior replies, I have supported the Postal Service responsibility to develop strategies/plans for an increased efficiency in the delivery of postal services.
    - 2) I do not believe you can meet the mandate of, "executing your mission economically" without considering the total area and the postal clients

effected in the area from Monarch Pass, to the east, and, west to the larger post office of Gunnison; this includes Parlin, Pitkin and Sargent.

- a) Any change in the Parlin Post Office, will have an effect on Pitkin and possibly Sargent.
- b) A defense of closing the Parlin Post Office cannot be made without the same argument having application at the Pitkin Post Office. *(i.e., If serving the Parlin area through an HCR is the most economical decision to providing service; doing likewise, in servicing the Pitkin area has to be equally economical, and probably even more so.)*
- c) A review of the three post offices demonstrates:
  - ✓ Parlin and Sargent are both located on Hwy 50; the postal mail delivery route between Salida and Gunnison (*Hwy 50*).
  - ✓ Parlin is the most central of all three locations to the entire area between Gunnison and Monarch Pass.
  - ✓ Pitkin can only be served by passing through Parlin, and sits at the end of year-around maintained roads.

In summary, this petitioner applauds the commission in seeking to “execute it’s mission economically”; **please do so!**

- ✚ The delivery of postal services has neither kept pace with the development of highways, nor electronic advances; thus, the plight of the postal service today. The Commission needs to make decisions which assures economic postal delivery beyond this decade; or, these economic questions will surface again soon.
- ✚ This petitioner has suggested changes in hours as well as Saturday closings as economic considerations; such considerations were made, as suggested options by postal service representatives at the local public hearing.
- ✚ This petitioner suggest that the postal service Commission take the time to review a geographic presentation of the entire area between Monarch Pass and Gunnison; creating an awareness of the transportation limitations, while also acknowledging limitations of computer access due to geographic barriers created by the mountains. This is not just a Parlin issue.
- ✚ Again, this petitioner believes it would be inappropriate and a failure of the Commission to “execute it’s mission economically”, without reviewing the entire area, Monarch Pass to Gunnison. “Hiding” behind rules (*i.e., case-by-case bases*) which do not recognize the application of the postal delivery services to this combined remote area is irresponsible; and, I doubt that such is the intent of mandate 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(iv).

Thank you for your time and attention to my comments regarding the Parlin Post Office.

Respectfully,



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