

Before The  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Post Office Structure Plan

Docket No. N2012-2

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**ELAINE MITTLEMAN MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF  
NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF WRITTEN  
CROSS-EXAMINATION FOR THE RECORD**  
(July 9, 2012)

Elaine Mittleman moves for late acceptance of the notice of designation of written cross-examination for the record. The designation was submitted on July 6, 2012, which is the date on which it was due. Ms. Mittleman received a telephone call from docket's office at the Commission, indicating that the paper copies had to be filed simultaneously with the notice. Ms. Mittleman mailed the paper copies to the Commission on Friday and is now resubmitting the notice of designation.

The circumstances involving the mailing of the paper copies to the Commission provide a stark example of the need for a post office nearby, such as the now-closed Pimmit Branch. Ms. Mittleman was advised after 4 p.m. on Friday that the paper copies had to be received by Monday. Thus, it was necessary for the copies to be in the mail on Friday. Ms. Mittleman walked to the Pimmit Branch, which has a blue box outside. She arrived at

the location about 4:45 p.m., after walking in the 100 degree heat to get to the Pimmit Branch. She saw the carrier sitting in the truck, apparently waiting for the 5 p.m. pick-up time for the mail in the blue box.

Ms. Mittleman attempted to hand the envelope to be mailed to the Commission to the carrier. Almost all of the carriers she has talked with have been very friendly, but this carrier has an unfriendly attitude. When Ms. Mittleman tried to give him the envelope, he responded that it was not 5 o'clock yet. Ms. Mittleman was astounded by this unhelpful response, because she was standing outside in 100 degree heat. The carrier was sitting in the truck, smoking and looking at his cell phone. Ms. Mittleman inquired to him whether he wanted her to stand out in the heat until it was 5 o'clock. He said that he was on break. Ms. Mittleman gave him the envelope, but had little assurance that it would be handled in a professional manner.

In light of the necessity to mail the envelope on Friday afternoon with less than an hour's notice of the need to put the envelope in the mail, it would have been far preferable for the Pimmit Branch to be open. In the past, Ms. Mittleman could have walked to the Pimmit Branch, obtained the assistance of one of the postal workers inside, and been assured that the envelope had the proper postage and was mailed. Ms. Mittleman could have obtained a receipt or delivery confirmation to have a record that she mailed

the package. This professional service was not available to Ms. Mittleman. She felt that she was treated with disrespect while she was attempting to mail an envelope to the Commission.

This episode shows that there is no substitute for a post office located conveniently in the community. After the Pimmit Branch closed, the Pimmit Hills neighborhood does not have a post office in the community. The station located at 800 W. Broad Street is in the City of Falls Church. It is not in the Pimmit Hills community, which is in Fairfax County and not the City of Falls Church. Ms. Mittleman could not have reached that location before 5 o'clock on Friday to mail the envelope to the Commission.

In light of these circumstances, Ms. Mittleman requests that the notice of designation of written cross-examination for the record be accepted for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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