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Robert G. Taub
Acting Chairman
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Case Number A2015-2 Careywood Post Office

Dear Mr. Taub:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I sent to the Postmaster General concerning the economic hardship of moving the Careywood, Idaho 83809 post office to Athol.

Another hardship is the road between Careywood and Athol. Highway 95 goes through the Granite Hill grades. This is the most dangerous portion of Highway 95 between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint. The highway snakes in an S curve down through a steep valley and up the other side. This portion of the road is extremely hazardous and dangerous during the winter time. Even during the summer time there are accidents on this portion of the road. Even though I have had a number of close calls on this section of road I have never been personally involved in an accident. However, a friend of mine was involved in a head-on accident last December. Luckily he did recover. Another time the car that was third behind me had a head on with a vehicle I had just met. This time both drivers were killed. Very unfortunate. There is no way to avoid or go around this section of road. The only other route is along narrow county roads with an even more treacherous set of hills.

The entire community is quite upset about the proposed closing of the Careywood post office. This is the center of our community and if it is closed, our community will disappear.

Having a rural route box is not an alternative because of the amount of theft. I need a secure place to receive my checks and to pay bills. When I called the Athol post office about theft occurring along the route, I was informed that people who live in the country have to expect theft and it was none of their concern. Their job was simply to put the mail in the box.

If there is any information I can give you or if you have any questions, you can reach me at 208-683-2407.

Your consideration of this matter is appreciated. We are depending upon you to get this process stopped.

Yours truly,



Received

MAR 30, 2015

Office of PAGR

PO Box 331

Carywood, Id 83809

March 17, 2015

Dear Ms. Brennan, Postmaster General,

On February 20, 2015, our postmistress received word that you are closing the Carywood, Idaho 83809 post office as of March 31, 2015, and moving our mail boxes to Athol where we are to get our mail. This is entirely impossible.

Athol is a 14 mile round trip from the Carywood post office. I am 74 years old & live on an extremely limited budget. There is no way on God's little green earth that I can come up with gas money to make that trip. Therefore, in order for you to uphold the post office's motto of "Neither rain nor sleet nor dark of night..." it is ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE that you send me funds to get gas. At 14 miles/day times 24 days/month = 384 miles/month. 384 miles/month times the government rate of \$.55/mile = \$211.20 per month. However, I am willing to settle for less than that. My elderly pick up gets 12 miles/gallon. 384 miles divided by 12 = 32 gallons. 32 gallons times the present price of \$2.58/gallon = \$82.

Please let me know whether you want to send me a check or if you want to do direct deposit into my checking account. Your expeditious consideration of my request is appreciated. I shall expect to hear from you before the deadline of

March 31. The only alternative is if
someone from the post office will bring
my mail to me. But that would be a 23
dollar trip for them, if you do not send
me the funds, you will be deliberately
& willfully discriminating against me
& others like me who are poor & elderly by
terminating my mail service. I sincerely
hope this does not happen as I depend
upon the mail to receive my bills & checks.
The prospect is very upsetting & nerve wracking.
I look forward to your positive answer.
Yours truly,
Janet & Benoit

P.S. The additional 468 miles to get
my mail from Cuthbert equals more than
I currently drive my pickup for
the entire year.