

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Winchester Post Office
Winchester, IL

Docket No. A2016-2

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS

(Issued June 7, 2016)

On May 25, 2016, the City of Winchester (Petitioner) filed an appeal of the Postal Service's decision to temporarily suspend operations on May 21, 2016, at the Winchester Post Office, Winchester, Illinois.¹ By letter of May 11, 2016, the Postal Service informed customers that due to expiration of the lease on the Winchester Main Post Office building, postal services would be suspended until a permanent alternate location within the Winchester community is located. Appeal, Addendum A. On May 27, 2016, the Commission issued a notice and order accepting the appeal and establishing a procedural schedule to consider the Petition.²

¹ Appeal on Closing and Request for Suspension of Closing Pending Review, May 25, 2016, at 4 (Appeal).

² Order No. 3331, Notice and Order Accepting Appeal and Establishing Procedural Schedule, May 27, 2016.

On June 3, 2016, the Petitioner filed a motion to dismiss its appeal because the Postal Service has abandoned the intended discontinuation of full postal services at the Winchester Post Office as set out in the addendum attached to the Motion.³ The Addendum consists of an email chain from Postal Service counsel together with responses by Petitioner's counsel indicating that the Postal Service has executed a lease for the Winchester Post Office. Motion, Addendum at 2. The Postal Service counsel confirms that the executed lease will permit the Winchester Post Office to return to the same status that existed prior to the issuance of the landlord's eviction notice. *Id.* at 1.

The lease execution having rendered the appeal moot, Petitioner's motion to dismiss its appeal shall be granted.

It is ordered:

The Motion to Dismiss the appeal filed June 3, 2016, by the City of Winchester is granted.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary

³ Motion to Dismiss, June 3, 2016 (Motion).