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Commission to Review Postal Service's Post Office Closings Plan

Washington, DC – The Postal Regulatory Commission will immediately begin its review of the Postal Service's plan to consider closing approximately 3,700 post offices. The Postal Service is required to ask the Commission for an Advisory Opinion on any change in nationwide service it proposes. An initial schedule for the Commission to decide this case (Docket N2011-1) will be issued shortly.

The Commission will hold public, on-the-record hearings to analyze and cross-examine the Postal Service's proposal and supporting evidence. During the process, mail users and interested members of the public may offer supporting or opposing views, both informally and as part of more formal, technical presentations. The Commission will also solicit public comments through its website. The Service cannot implement the changes until 90 days after filing the request.

"The Advisory Opinion process is the opportunity for the public's concerns over the process to be heard, and for the Postal Service to be given the direction it needs to continue to provide good service to the nation," said PRC Chairman Ruth Goldway. "The Commission supports the Postal Service's efforts to become more efficient, but with regard to post offices, significant changes must be done within the framework of the legal requirement to provide universal service."

The public is invited to share their views via the Commission web site, www.prc.gov, by clicking the "contact PRC" tab to access a convenient online customer service form. To participate more formally in the process and to file documents to be included in the online public record, interested parties should click the "Filing Online" tab and follow the appropriate instructions.

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