

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Notice Concerning Voluntary Moratorium -
Post Office Discontinuance Actions

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF STATUS OF
THE MORATORIUM ON POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS**
(December 15, 2011)

The Postal Service hereby gives notice that, on December 13, 2011, the Postal Service announced via press release, available at http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2011/pr11_1213closings.htm, that the Postal Service will delay the closing or consolidation of any Post Office until May 15, 2012. The Postal Service further advised that it will continue all necessary steps required for the review of Post Offices during the interim period. Accordingly, the Postal Service will proceed with the discontinuance process for any Post Office in which a Final Determination was already posted as of December 12, 2011, including all pending appeals. The Postal Service, however, will take the final step of closing a Post Office prior to May 16, 2012, only when that Post Office was not in operation on, and the Final Determination was posted as of, December 12, 2011.

The Postal Service will not close or consolidate any other Post Office prior to May 16, 2012. The Postal Service accordingly expects the Commission to continue adjudicating appeals as provided in the 120-day decisional schedule for each proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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