

are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. *See* 39 CFR 3001.21.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Postal Service shall file the administrative record in this appeal, or otherwise file a responsive pleading to the appeal, by December 21, 2010.

2. The answer to the request for suspension is due December 16, 2010.

3. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.

4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Cassandra L. Hicks is designated officer of the Commission (Public

Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order and Procedural Schedule in the **Federal Register**.

#### PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

December 6, 2010 .....	Filing of Appeal.
December 16, 2010 .....	Deadline for the Postal Service to answer application for suspension of the determination ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.1114(a) and (b)).
December 21, 2010 .....	Deadline for Postal Service to file administrative record in this appeal or responsive pleading.
January 4, 2011 .....	Deadline for notices to intervene ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.111(b)).
January 10, 2010 .....	Deadline for Petitioner's Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)).
January 31, 2011 .....	Deadline for answering brief in support of Postal Service ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(c)).
February 15, 2011 .....	Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(d)).
February 22, 2011 .....	Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.116).
March 31, 2011 .....	Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule ( <i>see</i> 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)).

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
Secretary.

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#### POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A2011-6; Order No. 605]

#### Post Office Closing

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Holmes Mill (Kentucky) Post Office has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service, petitioner, and others to take appropriate action.

**DATES:** *Administrative record due (from Postal Service):* December 22, 2010; *deadline for notices to intervene:* January 4, 2011; and *deadline for petitioner's Form 61 or initial brief:* January 11, 2011 *See* the Procedural Schedule in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for other dates of interest.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov) or 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), on December 7, 2010, the Commission received a petition for review of the closing of the Holmes Mill Post Office in Holmes Mill, Kentucky. The petition, which was filed by Dovie Hamblin (Petitioner), is postmarked December 2, 2010, and was posted on the Commission's Web site December 8, 2010. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and designates the case as Docket No. A2011-6 to consider the Petitioner's appeal. If the Petitioner would like to further explain his or her position with supplemental information or facts, the Petitioner may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission by no later than January 11, 2011.

*Categories of issues apparently raised.* The categories of issues raised include: Failure to consider the effect on the community. *See* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(i).

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than the one set forth above, or that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues. The deadline for the Postal Service to file the administrative record with the Commission is December 22, 2010. 39 CFR 3001.113.

*Availability; Web site posting.* The Commission has posted the appeal and supporting material on its Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Additional filings in this case and participants' submissions also will be posted on the Web site, if provided in electronic format or amenable to conversion, and not subject to a valid protective order.

Information on how to use the Commission's Web site is available online or by contacting the Commission's webmaster via telephone at 202-789-6873 or via electronic mail at [prc-webmaster@prc.gov](mailto:prc-webmaster@prc.gov).

The appeal and all related documents are also available for public inspection in the Commission's docket section. Docket section hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal government holidays. Docket section personnel may be contacted via electronic mail at [prc-dockets@prc.gov](mailto:prc-dockets@prc.gov) or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

*Filing of documents.* All filings of documents in this case shall be made using the Internet (Filing Online) pursuant to Commission rules 9(a) and 10(a) at the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained. 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 10(a). Instructions for obtaining an account to file documents online may be found on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, or by contacting the Commission's docket section at [prc-dockets@prc.gov](mailto:prc-dockets@prc.gov) or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

*Intervention.* Those, other than the Petitioner and respondent, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention. *See* 39 CFR 3001.111. Notices of intervention in this case are to be filed on or before January 4, 2011. A notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. *See* 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 10(a).

*Further procedures.* By statute, the Commission is required to issue its decision within 120 days from the date it receives the appeal. *See* 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5). A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this

statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit information or memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. As required by the Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses

are due 7 days after any such motion is filed. *See* 39 CFR 3001.21.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Postal Service shall file the administrative record in this appeal, or otherwise file a responsive pleading to the appeal, by December 22, 2010.

2. The procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katrina Martinez is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Notice and Order and Procedural Schedule in the **Federal Register**.

#### PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

December 7, 2010 .....	Filing of Appeal.
December 22, 2010 .....	Deadline for Postal Service to file administrative record in this appeal or responsive pleading.
January 4, 2011 .....	Deadline for notices to intervene ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.111(b)).
January 11, 2010 .....	Deadline for Petitioner's Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)).
January 31, 2011 .....	Deadline for answering brief in support of Postal Service ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(c)).
February 15, 2011 .....	Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.115(d)).
February 22, 2011 .....	Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings ( <i>see</i> 39 CFR 3001.116).
April 1, 2011 .....	Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule ( <i>see</i> 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)).

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
Secretary.

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Securities Act of 1933 Release No. 9162/ December 10, 2010; Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 63526/December 10, 2010]

#### Order Approving Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Supplemental Budget Request To Establish an Office of Outreach and Small Business Liaison in 2010

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002<sup>1</sup> (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") established the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (the "PCAOB") to oversee the audits of companies and related matters, to protect investors, and to further the public interest in the preparation of informative, accurate and independent audit reports. The PCAOB is to accomplish these goals through registration of public accounting firms and standard setting, inspection, and disciplinary programs. Section 109 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act directs the PCAOB to establish a budget for each fiscal year in accordance with the PCAOB's internal procedures, subject to approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").

The Commission's Rules of Practice related to its Informal and Other Procedures includes a rule to facilitate the Commission's review and approval

of PCAOB budgets.<sup>2</sup> This budget rule provides, among other things, a timetable for the preparation and submission of the PCAOB budget, limits on the PCAOB's ability to incur expenses and obligations except as provided in the approved budget, and procedures relating to supplemental budget requests. In accordance with the Commission's budget rule, the PCAOB submitted to the Commission a budget for calendar year 2010 that was approved by the Commission on December 22, 2009.<sup>3</sup>

Effective July 21, 2010, Section 982 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act<sup>4</sup> (the "Dodd-Frank Act") amended the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to authorize the PCAOB, among other things, to establish, subject to approval by the Commission, auditing and related attestation, quality control, ethics, and independence standards to be used by registered public accounting firms with respect to the preparation and issuance of audit reports to be included in broker-dealer filings with the Commission.<sup>5</sup> In light of this new authority, the PCAOB reassessed its communications and outreach strategy.

As a result of this reassessment, the PCAOB intends to enhance its outreach function by establishing a new Office of Outreach and Small Business Liaison ("Office of Outreach") to act as a liaison between the PCAOB and any PCAOB-registered public accounting firm, or

any other person affected by the Board's regulatory activities, including in particular, entities in the small business community, such as the auditors of broker-dealers. In order to establish this office in 2010, the PCAOB is required under the budget rule to submit a supplemental budget request for Commission approval.<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the budget rule, on October 28, 2010, the PCAOB submitted to the Commission a supplemental budget request seeking approval to establish the Office of Outreach in 2010.<sup>7</sup>

The Board believes that the creation of the Office of Outreach would not result in a net cost increase in 2010. To the extent that any unanticipated costs emerge, the PCAOB proposes to accommodate them from within available funds currently budgeted for the Office of Communications in 2010. Costs associated with the Office of Outreach in future years will be considered by the Commission as part of its review of the PCAOB budgets for those years.

Staff from the Commission's Offices of the Chief Accountant and Executive Director reviewed and analyzed the PCAOB's supplemental budget request and did not identify any matters that are inconsistent with Section 109 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act or the Commission's budget rule. Upon considering the staff's review and analysis, the Commission has determined that the PCAOB's request to create the Office of Outreach in 2010 is consistent with Section 109 of the

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 202.190. *See* Release No. 33-8724 (July 18, 2006) [71 FR 41998 (July 24, 2006)].

<sup>3</sup> *See* Release No. 34-61212 (Dec. 22, 2009).

<sup>4</sup> Public Law 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (July 21, 2010).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*

<sup>6</sup> *See* 17 CFR 240.190(b)(10).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 202.190(f).

<sup>1</sup> 17 U.S.C. 7202 *et seq.*