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Thank you Mark for providing the Postal Services original Motion to Dismiss. Basically in the Postal Service's Motion to Dismiss the appeals, which was filed October 27, the Postal Service argued that the Postal Regulatory Commission had ruled in many cases that it did not have jurisdiction to consider an appeal of a Postal Service to "relocate" a post office within a community; that they could only consider an appeal to "close" a post office and this was not a closure because the postal service would continue to provide retail service to Venice through an expansion of the annex.

The lawyers for Venice Stakeholders respond to this argument in their brief by stating that in those cases cited by the Postal Service in their Motion to Dismiss, it was appropriately not a closure because the postal service would maintain the same level of service in the new location or would increase the level of service. Here, the lawyers argue that the level of service is going down and that this distinguishes these cases and make this effectively a "closure," rather than a "relocation."

The postal service basically says that there is enough parking at the annex and they intend to restripe the annex parking lot to add spots. They don't say how many spots they will add. The postal service further argues that the annex can accommodate retail counters and post office boxes, although they don't say how many windows they will have or how many post office boxes they will have at the annex. The lawyers for Venice Stakeholders point out that this lack of detail is problematic and we just don't know what the post office has in mind and they have not given the community enough details to adequately consider the proposal. In a meeting with Congresswoman Hahn, it is pointed out, that the Postal Service reps said they would only have two windows at the annex, and the lawyers argue that this is not enough to handle the volume of business needed for Venice or at the level previously available at the historic post office during the holiday season, for example.

We should visit the historic post office as often as possible during this holiday season and continue to document the level of service (how many windows are open), the waiting time, and the time of day of your experiences. People should also be encouraged to contract for post office boxes at this location to increase the number of boxes required.

Amanda