PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE—Continued

| February 3, 2012 | Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument; the Commission will schedule oral argu- |
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| - | ment only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings (see 39 CFR 3001.116). |
| March 9, 2012 | Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)). |

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. A2012-75; Order No. 1019]

Post Office Closing

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

SUMMARY: This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Geuda Springs, Kansas post office has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service, petitioners, and others to take appropriate action.

DATES:

December 1, 2011: Administrative record due (from Postal Service); December 27, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time: Deadline for notices to intervene.

See the Procedural Schedule in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for other dates of interest.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically by accessing the "Filing Online" link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (http://www.prc.gov) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system at https://www.prc.gov/prc-pages/filing-online/login.aspx. Commenters who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section as the source for case-related information for advice on alternatives to electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, at (202) 789–6820 (case-related information) or *DocketAdmins@prc.gov* (electronic filing assistance).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(d), the Commission received six petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Geuda Springs post office in Geuda Springs, Kansas. The first petition for review received November 16, 2011, was filed by Paula Hills. The second petition for review received November 22, 2011, was filed by Billilee A. Paton. The third petition for review received

November 22, 2011, was filed by Terry and Nancy Oursler. The fourth petition for review received November 22, 2011, was filed by Linda Estrada. The fifth petition for review received November 29, 2011, was filed by Patricia A. Blubaugh. The sixth petition for review received November 30, 2011, was filed by Shannon Wendt. The earliest postmark date is November 9, 2011. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5) and establishes Docket No. A2012-75 to consider Petitioners' appeal. If Petitioners would like to further explain their position with supplemental information or facts, Petitioners may either file a Participant Statement on PRC Form 61 or file a brief with the Commission no later than December 21.

Categories of issues apparently raised. Petitioners contend that (1) The Postal Service failed to consider the effect of the closing on the community (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(i)); (2) the Postal Service failed to consider whether or not it will continue to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(iii)); (3) the Postal Service failed to adequately consider the economic savings resulting from the closure (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(2)(A)(iv)); and (4) there are factual errors contained in the Final Determination.

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those 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 applicable administrative record is within 15 days after the date in which the petition for review was filed with the Commission. See 39 CFR 3001.113. In addition, the due date for any responsive pleading by the Postal Service is also within 15 days after the date in which the petition for review was filed with the Commission.

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 participant's 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.

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., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except on Federal government holidays. Docket section personnel may be contacted via electronic mail at prcdockets@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. See 39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 3001.10(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 or via telephone at (202) 789–6846.

Commission reserves the right to redact personal information which may infringe on an individual's privacy rights from documents filed in this proceeding.

Intervention. Persons, other than the Petitioners and respondents, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention. See 39 CFR 3001.111(b). Notices of intervention in this case are to be filed on or before December 27, 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 3001.10(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 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 procedural schedule listed below is hereby adopted.

- 2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Derrick Dennis is designated officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public.
- 3. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order and

Procedural Schedule in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove, Secretary.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

| November 16, 2011 December 1, 2011 | Filing of Appeal. Deadline for the Postal Service to file the applicable administrative record in this appeal. |
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| December 1, 2011 | Deadline for the Postal Service to file any responsive pleading. |
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| December 21, 2011 | Deadline for Petitioners' Form 61 or initial brief in support of petition (see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)). |
| January 10, 2012 | Deadline for answering brief in support of the Postal Service (see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)). |
| January 25, 2012 | Deadline for reply briefs in response to answering briefs (see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)). |
| February 1, 2012 | 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 (see 39 CFR 3001.116). |
| March 8, 2012 | Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule (see 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(5)). |

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213. Extension:

Form N-17f-2, SEC File No. 270-317, OMB Control No. 3235-0360.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form N-17f-2 (17 CFR 274.220) under the Investment Company Act is entitled "Certificate of Accounting of Securities and Similar Investments in the Custody of Management Investment Companies." Form N-17f-2 is the cover sheet for the accountant examination certificates filed under rule 17f-2 (17 CFR 270.17f-2) by registered management investment companies (funds'') maintaining custody of securities or other investments. Form N-17f-2 facilitates the filing of the accountant's examination certificates prepared under rule 17f-2. The use of the form allows the certificates to be filed electronically, and increases the accessibility of the examination certificates to both the Commission's examination staff and interested

investors by ensuring that the certificates are filed under the proper Commission file number and the correct name of a fund.

Commission staff estimates that on an annual basis it takes: (i) On average 1.25 hours of fund accounting personnel at a total cost of \$206.25 to prepare each Form N-17f-2;1 and (ii) .75 hours of clerical time at a total cost of \$49.50 to file the Form N-17f-2 with the Commission.² Approximately 243 funds currently file Form N-17f-2 with the Commission. Commission staff estimates that on average each fund files Form N-17f-2 four times annually for a total annual hourly burden per fund of approximately 8 hours at a total cost of \$1,023.00. The total annual hour burden for Form N-17f-2 is therefore estimated to be approximately 1944 hours. Based on the total annual costs per fund listed above, the total cost of Form N-17f-2's collection of information requirements is estimated to be approximately \$248,589.3

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. Complying with the collections of information required by Form N–17f–2 is mandatory for those funds that maintain custody of their own assets. Responses will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor,

and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, http://www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta Ahmed@omb.eop. gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Director/ Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an email to: PRA Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: December 5, 2011.

Kevin M. O'Neill,

 $Deputy\ Secretary.$

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension: Rule 19a–1; SEC File No. 270–240; OMB Control No. 3235–0216.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

 $^{^1}$ This estimate is based on the following calculation: $1.25 \times \$165$ (fund senior accountant's hourly rate) = \$206.25.

 $^{^2}$ This estimate is based on the following calculation: .75 × \$66 (secretary hourly rate) = \$48.75

 $^{^3}$ This estimate is based on the following calculation: 243 funds \times \$1,023.00 (total annual cost per fund) = \$248,589.