



July 25, 2017

Chairman Bryan King
Rutherfordton County Office Building
298 North Main St
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

RE: Union Mills, North Carolina—Main Post Office Located At 6269 Hudlow Road

Dear Chairman King:

In accordance with 39 C.F.R. 241.4, this is the United States Postal Service's final decision with respect to the Postal Service's proposal to reestablish retail services from the above referenced Post Office to a yet to-be-determined location as close as reasonably possible to the former location.

The Postal Service discussed the proposal with you at a public meeting on May 1, 2017. The Postal Service has carefully considered all of the concerns expressed in those discussions, as well as in the comments received after the public meeting. For the reasons set forth below, the Postal Service has decided to proceed with the re-establishment of the Post Office.

The Postal Service suspended its operations at the Union Mills Main Post Office due to unsafe conditions at the facility. This project will allow the Postal Service to reestablish retail operations for our customers in Union Mills, North Carolina, for the long term. The new facility will allow the Postal Service to maintain and improve our service to the community. The Postal Service will only consider relocation sites that are convenient and otherwise suitable for our customers and that will meet all postal operational needs. The Postal Service anticipates providing the same services at the new location as were provided to our customers at the former location. The Postal Service's goal is to select a new customer service location as close to the current site as possible. Additionally, the Postal Service plans to continue services at the alternative post office in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, until the replacement facility is open and operating as a Post Office.

While the Postal Service is sensitive to the impact of this decision on its customers and the community, the Postal Service properly considered community input and this decision is consistent with Postal Service objectives. Postal Service operations are not supported by tax dollars. To be self-sustaining, the Postal Service must make decisions that ensure it provides adequate and affordable postal services in a manner that is as efficient and economical as possible.

This is the final decision of the Postal Service with respect to this matter, and there is no right to further administrative or judicial review of this decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Samra", written over a blue ink stamp.

Tom A. Samra