



**NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL**  
**Administrative Complaint Disposition –Request Made to a Non-Public Agency**

**GRC Complaint No.:** 2012-117

**Complainant:** Woo Jin Hwang  
**Public Agency:** Ridgewood Post Office (Passaic)  
**Custodian of Record:** Post Master

**Date of Request:** March 7, 2012  
**Date of Complaint:** April 17, 2012<sup>1</sup>

**Complaint Disposition:** The Complainant submitted an OPRA request to an agency that is not a public agency as defined in OPRA. The Ridgewood Post Office is part of the United States Postal Service, which is a federal agency, not a New Jersey state agency. 39 U.S.C. § 201 states “[t]here is established, as an independent establishment of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, the United States Postal Service.” *See Samgalski v. PSE&G*, GRC Complaint No. 2010-251 (December 2010).

**Applicable OPRA Provision:** “Public agency’ or ‘agency’ means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of the State or combination of political subdivisions, and any independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency created by a political subdivision or combination of political subdivisions.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

**This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk’s Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.**

**Effective Date of Disposition:** April 25, 2012

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<sup>1</sup> The GRC received the Denial of Access Complaint on said date.



Approved By: Catherine Starghill, Esq.  
Executive Director

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