

## **International Visitors to the Postal Regulatory Commission**

International postal regulators, operators and government officials overseeing postal matters often request meetings with the Postal Regulatory Commission at our offices in Washington, DC. To the extent possible given our pressing workload, we try to honor these requests to share our expertise in postal regulation, particularly in the areas of costing, accounting, economics and finance. We also have much to learn from our colleagues around the globe. Meetings occur at the Commissioner level and often at the staff level, where in-depth technical exchanges serve as the foundation for ongoing bilateral relationships. Below is a list of some of the visitors who met with the Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC. The sharing of information and best practices with our international colleagues offers an opportunity to view our work from a new perspective, always with the common goal of promoting a strong, high quality, and affordable universal postal network for the nation.

### **International Postal Officials' Visits to the Commission with Topics of Discussion**

#### **April 11-12, 2012**

Postal Agency of Macedonia – Topics: Postal Reform in the United States and the Role of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Postal Pricing Regulation, Quality of Service, International Regulatory Roles, Cost Accounting, Consumer Issues and Complaint Handling, and Universal Service.

The Postal Agency is the regulator of the postal market in Macedonia.

#### **October 10, 2011**

Federal Tariff Service of Russia – Topic: Postal Pricing Regulation

#### **September 23, 2011**

Chinese Provincial Price Bureau –Topic: Postal Pricing Regulation

#### **September 19, 2011**

State Post Bureau, Peoples Republic of China – Topics: Chinese Postal Market and Implementation of Revised Postal Law, Sustainability of U.S. Universal Postal Service Under New Market Conditions, Commission's Role in USPS Service Standards and Performance Measurement, and Postal Costing Methodology

State Post Bureau regulates the entire postal market in China, including both the public and private sector. The delegation included the Deputy Director General; Director General, General Office; Director General, Department of Market Supervision and Inspection; Director General, Guizhou Provincial Postal Administration; Consultant, Development and Research Center; and Director, Division of Security Supervision, Department of Market Supervision and Inspection.

**July 11, 2011**

Deutsche Post, Vice President, International Relations and Mail Import and Head of Universal Postal Union Relations – Topic: Postal Reform in the United States and Role of the Postal Regulatory Commission

**April 5, 2011**

La Poste, France (postal service), Director of International and European Affairs and Regulation Manager – Topics: U.S. and French Postal Volume and Cost Trends, Main Findings of FY2010 Annual Compliance Determination, Consolidation and Closing of Postal Facilities in the United States, Commission Study on PAEA, Current U.S. Postal Legislation, PRC Advisory Opinion on Saturday Mail Delivery, Cost Savings from Reduction of Delivery Days in France

**September 14-15, 2010**

ARCEP (Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority), France, two Commissioners, Head of Postal Affairs and Head of International Bureau – Topics: Postal Reform in the United States and Role of the Postal Regulatory Commission

**August 17, 2010**

Japanese Minister of State for Financial Services and Postal Reform – Topics: Financial Situation of U.S. Postal Service, Rate Regulation, Possible Service and Network Access Changes

**August 11-13, 2010**

National Postal Agency, Ecuador, Director and Deputy Director – Topics: Overview of the PAEA, Costing Methodologies and Accounting, Audits and Costing, Universal Service, Quality of Service, Postal Reform in Ecuador

The National Postal Agency is the postal regulator in Ecuador, which regulates the entire postal market, including public and private operators.

**May 2010**

Federal Network Agency (postal regulator), Germany, Deputy Head of Section, International Relations – Topic: Postal Regulation in the United States and Germany

**December 9, 2009**

National Advisory Board on Industry, Energy and Technology, France, two Senior National Advisors on Economics and Finance – Topics: Future of the Mail Industry, Role of the Postal Regulatory Commission

**May 18, 2009**

PostComm (previously the postal regulator in the United Kingdom), Commissioner, Executive Director for Market Development, and International and Post Office Research Manager – Topics: Financial Situation of U.S. Postal Service, Universal Service Obligation Study Conducted by Postal Regulatory Commission, Role of Postal Regulatory Commission in Assessing the U.S. Postal Service's Cost Data, PostComm's Hooper Report on Maintaining

Universal Service in the U.K., Current U.K. Postal Market and Financial Situation of Royal Mail, Transition of Regulatory Functions to Communications Ministry (OfCom) in the U.K., Current New Postal Service Bill in the U.K. Parliament

**March 4-5, 2009**

In 2009 the Postal Regulatory Commission launched the Postal Regulatory Dialogue, a vehicle for postal regulators from diverse postal systems around the globe to come together and share information and best practices in an engaging and interactive setting. The first Dialogue brought together lead regulators from China, Ecuador, the European Commission, Japan, Portugal and the United States. Given the success of this initiative, the second and third Dialogues were held in 2010 and 2011 in China and Brussels, with the fourth Dialogue to be held in Brazil in 2012.

**January 2009**

A Senior Advisor with the Belgian Institute of Posts and Telecommunications spent two weeks with the Postal Regulatory Commission sharing technical knowledge with Commission staff on a wide array of subject areas includes costing, accounting, quality of service, and universal service. This experience was part of his senior management development program at the University of Leuven in Belgium.

**May 8, 2008**

Royal Mail, Group Regulation Director and Director, Strategy and Regulatory Affairs – Topics: U.S. Postal Reform and the Role of the Postal Regulatory Commission

**April 15, 2008**

European Commission, Head of Unit and Advisor, Postal Services – Topics: Postal Reform in the United States and the Third Postal Directive in Europe

**March 3, 2008**

State Post Bureau, Peoples Republic of China – Topics: Postal Reform in the U.S. and the Role of the Postal Regulatory Commission

The delegation also included the Deputy Director General; Director General, Department of Policy and Legal Affairs; Director, Statistics Division, Department of Policy and Legal Affairs; Deputy Chief, Division of Legislative Regulation, Department of Policy and Legal Affairs; Official, Policy Research Division, Department of Policy and Legal Affairs; Deputy Chief of Express Service, Management Division, Department of Market Supervision and Inspection; Deputy Chief, International Cooperation Division, State Post Bureau of China.

The Commission also helped set up meetings for the delegation with the Department of Commerce, U.S. Postal Service, and U.S. Department of State.