

## CONCURRING OPINION OF CHAIRMAN GOLDWAY

Postal price changes do not occur in a vacuum. They entail considerable work by mailers and those who provide products and services to mailers, including software development. The prices and worksharing discounts offered by the Postal Service provide opportunities to mailers who can take advantage of them, but the ability to do so is a demanding challenge for the industry, given the need for adequate lead time to respond. The Postal Service's initial reluctance to adopt Standard Flats rates in accordance with the 2010 Annual Compliance Determination and with Commission Orders 1427 and 1472<sup>1</sup> effectively shortened the time mailers have to prepare for changes.

I am committed to facilitating prompt decisions from the Commission in response to requests for price adjustments from the Postal Service. In turn, I expect the Postal Service to respond to clear orders of the Commission by preparing price adjustments that satisfy PAEA requirements in a manner that provides adequate lead time for adoption by the industry.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket No. ACR2010, Order on Remand, August 9, 2012 (Order No. 1427); Docket No. ACR2010-R, Notice and Order Confirming Termination of Stay, September 21, 2012 (Order No. 1472).